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The Ministers Are Stubborn

Mookerjee's Excuses For Quitting

Congress Pleas Unheeded

NEW DELHI, April 14 (UPI).

THE Congress Parliamentary Party met this evening for over two hours and responding to the moving plea of Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Patel for unstinted support in the implementation of the Minorities Agreement, once again urged upon Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee to withdraw his resignation and join the country in giving a fair trial to the agreement.

Dr. Mookerjee is understood to have voiced before the Party the reasons dictating diffidence to him about the success of the agreement and appeared to most of the Congress Party M.P.s adamant about his decision to dissociate himself from the Government over the issue of the Minorities Agreement.

The issue of his tabled resignation, however, is expected to be closed either way by the end of this week.

Last-minute efforts at this evening's Congress Party meeting heightened the spell of continuous efforts by Sardar Patel and Pandit Nehru to persuade Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and Shri K. C. Neogy to withdraw their resignations. At one time, their efforts appeared to be yielding hopeful results and these were actually reinforced by Bengal M.P.'s who urged more than once upon the two Ministers to withdraw their resignations. It is now almost conclusively held that Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee would be leaving the Government. Shri Neogy could not attend today's Party meeting owing to ill health, but he may not take a stand different from that of Dr. Mookerjee.

EARLIER FAILURES

Dr. Mookerjee, in his impassioned address before the Party today is believed to have recalled the failure of previous inter-Dominion agreements guaranteeing security and equality to the minorities. While not in a position to offer a workable alternative, Dr. Mookerjee is further believed to have asked of Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel as to what they proposed to do if the Agreement failed.

He is also reported to have expressed his readiness to help to his utmost in serving the spirit of the Agreement. By his decision to resign from the Cabinet, he added, he only wanted to make his position perfectly clear to his people in Bengal.

Besides Prime Minister Nehru and Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Patel, several other speakers including Shri Mahavir Tyagi and Syed Nausher Ali are understood to have spoken at the meeting.

According to an unconfirmed report, a deputee to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru is shortly proceeding to Dacca to witness the implementation of the Agreement across the border.

SRI RAMANA MAHARSHI DEAD

TIRUVANNAMALI, April 14 (PTI).

SRI RAMANA MAHARSHI, the great Indian saint, passed away tonight at 8-47 in his ashram here. He was 71. He was ailing for the last several months and his condition was reported deteriorating during the last fortnight.

A telephonic message from Sri Ramana Ashram, Tiruvannamalai, to the P.T.I. states: "Sri Ramana Maharshi attained Maha Nirvana at 8-47 p.m. today. A last concourse of devotees stood with folded hands reciting his famous composition of Astramana Malai while the Maharshi passed away peacefully. An all-night recitation of the compositions of Maharshi and Vedaparayana is being held. The Maha Samadhi (cremation) will take place tomorrow."

LEAVES HOME

Sri Ramana Maharshi was born in a Brahmin family in a village in Madura district. He was known in his boyhood as Venkatraman. The son of a prosperous lawyer, he did not show much inclination towards studies in early days, but evinced keen interest in the lives of saints.

Finding life at home out of tune with his spiritual yearnings, he left it at the age of 17, and after wandering some time reached Tiruvannamalai a famous pilgrim centre, at the foot of a hill, in 1896. Here he used to sit in deep meditation near the shrine of Arunachala (Lord Shiva) for hours. He later retired into a deep cave (now renovated Patalalingam shrine) and remained there for over a month in rigorous penance. Here he was discovered one day by someone when a portion of his body was found eaten away by vermins.

A well-known poet and scholar Kavyakanta Ganapati Sastry who saw him here, recognising his spiritual greatness, proclaimed him to the world as a great seer. It was he who first hailed him as Sri Ramana Maharshi.

MOTHER'S SHRINE

His mother was later drawn towards her son and became a Sanyasini. She passed away in 1922 and the present ashram has grown around the place where her body was enshrined.

Sri Ramana Maharshi had been residing in this ashram for the last 28 years. Devotees from all over India and abroad have been visiting the ashram for his 'darshan' and spiritual guidance.

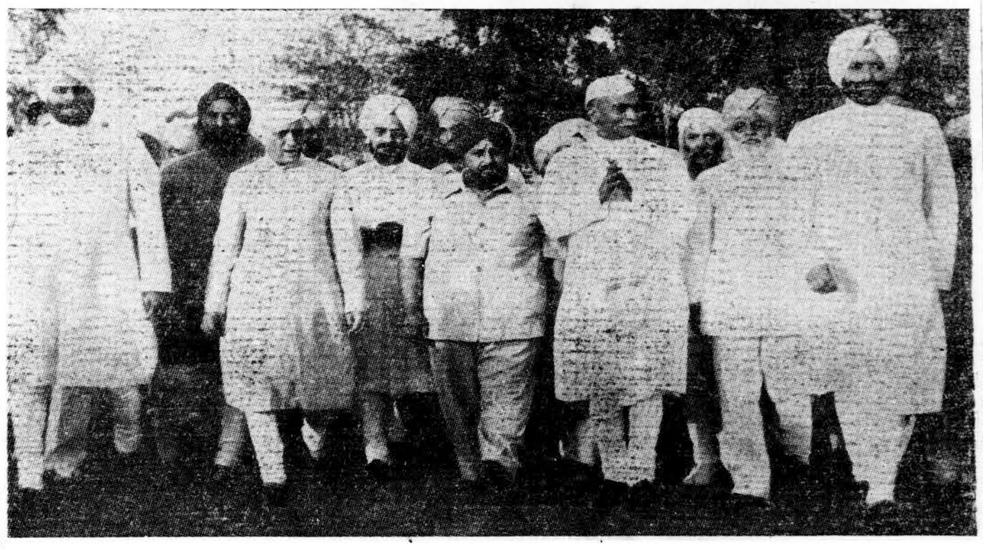
The passing away of Sri Ramana Maharshi removes from the wordly stage a figure of the first magnitude in the sphere of Hindu religion and spirituality. Though the Maharshi was cosmopolitan in outlook, and felt bound by no convention of caste or ritual, he was looked upon as a great spiritual teacher even by the most orthodox Hindus.

His death will cast gloom among his disciples and devotees all over the world.

Collective Fine Cancelled

BOMBAY, Friday: The Commissioner of Police, Greater Bombay, has issued orders cancelling the collective fines recently imposed on five buildings off King Edward Road, Parel, and another five buildings off Ebrahim Rahimtulla Road, Pydhoni, in connection with certain stabbing incidents.

NEW DELHI RECEPTION TO DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD



Sikh citizens of India gave a reception to Dr. Rajendra Prasad in Talkatora Gardens, New Delhi on April 13. Picture taken on the occa sion shows President Prasad with Pandit Nehru, Sardar Baldev Singh, the Maharaja of Patiala and the General Secretary Sardar Meharban Singh.

Sardar Patel For Calcutta

NEW DELHI, April 14 (UPI).

THE Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, said at a meeting of the Congress Parliamentary Party this evening that he would be going to Calcutta to make a personal appeal to the people of Bengal to give the Indo-Pakistan minorities agreement a sincere and fair trial.

As provisionally fixed at present, he is due to reach there on Sunday.

GREAT BETRAYAL OF NATIONALS

Munich In Ghettoland?

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 14.

Will another Munich be staged, this time in Africa? Daniel Malan's renewed demand for the incorporation of Seretse Khama's land and other protectorates has caused considerable disquiet.

Britain, no doubt, reiterated more than a dozen times that she will not agree to the transfer unless the people were consulted but the Government's recent action in the Seretse case kow-towing to the South African sentiment has cast doubts about its firmness.

Any further appeasement of South Africa is bound to be considered as a betrayal of all Africans.

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WATCHDOGS OF STATE EXPENDITURE

Parliament's Three Bodies Geared For Action

NEW DELHI, April 14 (PTI).

WITH the setting up of an Estimates Committee under the new Constitution, India's Parliament tightens its grip over Governmental expenditure, writes a PTI correspondent.

Parliament has three committees to do the "watching" over public expenditure, the Standing Finance Committee with the Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, as the ex-officio Chairman, the Public Accounts Committee with a non-official member, Mr. B. Das, as Chairman, and the Estimates Committee under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Speaker, Mr. M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar.

The Standing Finance Committee's function is to examine schemes involving new expenditure at the policy-making stage, the Public Accounts Committee conducts a "post mortem" examination of accounts, frauds and irregularities and the Estimates Committee functions as a continuing economy committee.

Under the new Constitution, the Public Accounts Committee becomes a full-fledged parliamentary committee working under the general direction and control of the Speaker. Secretarial assistants will be provided by the Parliament Secretariat.

For the first time, the Public Accounts Committee will now be a real committee of the House and there will be no executive direction or control of any kind over its activities. The Finance Minister will no longer be a member of the Committee. It is expected that the next meeting of the Committee will be held some time in August or September.

INTERIM REPORTS

There has been a general feeling among members of the Committee that by the time they examine the accounts, the issue will become stale. In order to get over this difficulty, a proposal is under consideration for the submission of interim reports by the Auditor-General. The Committee may consider these reports and make recommendations to the Government in anticipation of the final and formal report to be placed before the House.

The Public Accounts Committee has to examine the audited accounts, irregularities, malpractices, frauds and misappropriations. Its very existence is a check on the maintenance of regular accounts. The work of the Auditor-General has greatly increased as a result of integration of States and the increased expenditure abroad. About rupees one hundred and eighty crores are disbursed abroad out of the revenue of India every year and the Auditor-General is expected to go abroad sometime this year to tighten up the whole audit machinery there.

PRAKASAM RETURNS TO THE CHARGE

Tells Raja He Is Ready To Prove All Allegations

MADRAS, April 14 (PTI).

MR. T. PRAKASAM, former Premier of Madras, today replied to the letter of Mr. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Chief Minister and leader of the Legislature Congress Party, asking him to show cause why disciplinary action should not be taken against him unless he withdrew his motion before the Assembly and resumed his original seat in the Assembly.

Mr. Prakasam said: "It is highly improper that I should be asked to withdraw my resolution and resume my old seat under the threat of disciplinary action when you are not qualified or competent to enforce it in the manner you propose to do it."

The resolution before the Assembly is to appoint a sub-committee to enquire into certain charges against some of the Ministers.

Mr. Prakasam said that it was not correct to say that the "Legislature Party" continued to be "Legislature Congress Party", inasmuch as it contained only members of a particular group, the two members of the other who were elected to the executive committee having resigned.

RULES VIOLATED

"The Legislature headed by you," Mr. Prakasam said, "made it impossible for the elected Chief Whip Mr. Venkata Reddy to function as such even for a single day throughout the whole year, by your appointing Mr. M. Bapineedu as Government Whip and by your requesting the Speaker to accept Mr. Bapineedu as the whip. This flagrant violation of the Party rules by you and your supporters has removed the last vestige of the Congress attached to the party. On this ground alone the party could not be called the Congress Legislature Party nor can you call yourself leader of the Legislature Congress Party."

Mr. Prakasam said it was not only on this ground that Mr. Raja and his supporters had made the party lose its character as "Legislature Congress Party."

He alleged that Mr. Raja and his Ministers "became supporters of the Communists from the very outset until now and made yourselves responsible for the spread of Communism in Andhra and other areas and thus made yourself responsible for all the murders and atrocities that have been committed in a most outrageous manner, the Congressmen and Congress sympathisers having become the targets of attacks by the Communists."

PREPARED TO PROVE

He said: "I am prepared to prove before any public body that your supporters ceased to be Congressmen by committing wrongful acts, included in the various charges."

Mr. Prakasam said it was not open to "the wrong-doers" to ask him to retrace his step when he was prepared to prove why he should not sit with wrong-doers. He explained: "The separation of my seat was intended to draw a line of demarcation between wrong-doers and right-doers."

He denied he had brought discredit and contempt to the party. The party stood "self-condemned" during the last three years, he added, "and it has been the wrongs done to the people and the country year after year that ruined the reputation of the Congress and brought discredit and dishonour to your so-called group which has been dominated by two single individuals throughout."

Less $, Thanks To Britain

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 14.

I LEARN that the Government of India have written to the British Government agreeing to limit her 1950-51 dollar imports to the level of the 1948 calendar year. India has pointed out, however, that her internal economy could not stand a continuity of this and substantial liabilities contracted during the current period are likely to be carried over to the next period.

In the interests of the central sterling reserve of the sterling countries as a whole, however, India has agreed to limit her imports from dollar areas to meet British wishes.

Cripps Budget: An Eye On Elections

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, April 14.

The date of general elections in Britain will largely depend on the shape of the budget Sir Stafford Cripps presents to Parliament on Tuesday. The political significance of the Chancellor's speech may be as great as its economic consequences, as never before has the Chancellor been subjected to so much political and social pressure. But no one expects big reliefs.

One Tory writer describes Cripps as a "bilious crank who lacks ability, who puts himself into anyone else's shoes—an ethical professor too full of theories which influence him more than facts and a financial fanatic."

But there are bound to be a few alleviations.

Cripps will reveal his taxation proposals to the Cabinet on Monday. The Cabinet is bound to consider proposals from the view of its effects on electorates. It is, therefore, likely that Sir Stafford may not play the customary lone hand which is the prerogative of the Chancellor, but it must be remembered that he has never shown himself unamenable to advice from colleagues.

Prohibition Offences: 126 Arrests

BOMBAY, Friday: The Prohibition Division of the Greater Bombay Police picked up 304 cases, arrested 126 persons and seized 252 gallons of illicit liquor, 3,477 gallons of wash and two gallons of spirit during the week ended April 6.

Central Officers For West Bengal

NEW DELHI, April 14 (UPI): The services of four senior officers of the Bengal cadre, viz., Mr. K. Sen, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Supply, Mr. U. L. Goswami, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Mr. B. K. Acharya, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Industry, and Mr. R. O. Dutt, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Supply and Home Affairs, are being placed at the disposal of the West Bengal Government, it is learnt, in order to strengthen the administration in West Bengal.

Pakistan Mum Over Laik Ali

KARACHI, April 14, (UPI): The Pakistan Government has not yet replied to the Government of India's note demanding the extradition of Mir Laik Ali, ex-Premier of Hyderabad, it is learnt.

The Pakistan Government is not likely to accept the request as India's occupation of Hyderabad is not recognised by the Pakistan Government.

KARACHI, April 14 (PTI-Reuter)—A meeting of Editors, News Editors, and reporters of Karachi newspapers adopted today a resolution assuring "the Prime Minister of Pakistan of its wholeheartedly support in the implementation of the agreement arrived at with the Prime Minister of Bharat at Delhi".

EXTERNMENT PROVISION OF P S M ACT HELD VOID

Full Bench Decision In Bombay

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Bavdekar, & Mr. Justice Shah).

Jeshingbhai Ishwarlal Modi ..... (Externee). Applicant

vs.

The State of Bombay & others ..... Opponents.

BY a majority of two judges to one, Mr. Justice Shah dissenting, the Bombay High Court held section 2 (1) (b) of the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, 1947, empowering the Provincial Government to pass externment orders, to be void on the ground that it was in consistent with the fundamental rights of freedom of movement and of residence conferred by clauses (d) and (e) of Article 19 of the Constitution.

The petitioner, a washerman of Ahmedabad, had been served with an order passed by the District Magistrate of Ahmedabad under section 2 (1) (b) of the Public Security Act directing him not to be in any area in the district except with the permission of the District Magistrate.

MAJORITY JUDGMENT

Their Lordships held that though a writ of Certiorari could not be granted to quash an order which was purely executive, Article 226 of the Constitution had given the High Courts wider powers to issue writs, orders and directions to quash even executive or administrative orders. Their Lordships held that fundamental rights had now been made justciable and the High Courts had been made the custodians of those rights. In their Lordships opinion externment orders under section 2 (1) (b) did not provide for any curation for their operation nor did they provide the externee with the grounds for his externment, and could not therefore be saved by clause (5) of Article 19 of the Constitution which permitted the imposition of reasonable restrictions on the fundamental rights conferred by that Article. Though the externment order had been made before the Constitution came into force their Lordships held that an order which violated fundamental rights could not be continued.

DISSENTING JUDGMENT

In a dissenting judgment Mr. Justice Shah held that it could not be said that section 2 (1) (b) imposed any unreasonable restriction on the petitioner's fundamental rights.

In the result their Lordships by a majority, made an order prohibiting the opponents from enforcing the externment order passed against the petitioner.

Mr. Purshottam Trikamdas with Mr. V. N. Chhatrapati appeared for the petitioner.

The Advocate-General with the Assistant Government Pleader appeared for the Opponents.

DOWRY ERA PASSES

PATNA, April 14 (UPI).

A NON-OFFICIAL bill moved two years ago by Srimati Sundri Devi, called the Bihar Dowries Restraint Bill, 1948, was adopted by the Bihar Assembly this afternoon.

The Bill makes it a penal offence to demand dowries on behalf of bridegrooms, and a party convicted in a court of law for the contravention of its provisions is liable to be punished with simple imprisonment upto a period of six months.

The Bill, while specifically excluding Muslims from its purview, extends to all other communities.

A number of amendments were rejected.

Opposition Leader Votes With Congress

PATNA, April 14 (PTI)—Sardar Latifur Rahaman, leader of the Opposition, today voted with the Congress Party when Mr. Amin Ahamad, a member of his own party, forced a division to press his motion for circulation of the Bihar Dowry Restraint Bill, 1950, as reported by the select committee to which it was referred earlier.

This is the first occasion in the history of the Bihar Assembly when the leader of the Opposition voted with members of the party in power, in a division forced by a member of his own party.

Three other members of the opposition also voted with the Congress Party against the motion.

REBEL AZIS COMES TO DJAKARTA

Battles In Java Not Likely

DJAKARTA, April 14 (PTI-Reuter).

NINE days after seizing the East Indonesian capital of Macassar, South Celebes, rebel leader Captain Andi Abdul Azis arrived here by air today to explain his actions to Indonesia's Federal Government.

Captain Azis, twenty-six-year-old former British paratrooper, had previously defied three Government orders to report at Djakarta.

He left a deputy behind him today to command his troops in his absence.

A Defence Department spokesman said his final compliance did not mean the crumpling of the revolt against the Federal Government's plan of incorporating East Indonesia into the Federay State of Jogjakarta.

But observers believed Azis arrival might mean that hostilities could be avoided between national troops and rebels.

Despite an announcement earlier today that Azis was a "rebel prisoner" and would be court-martialled as soon as possible, it was officially stated that he did not come as a prisoner.

CONFIRMATION

East Indonesian Information Minister, Mr. Ratulangi and Lieutenant-Colonel Mokoginta, Federal commander in East Indonesia, who travelled with Azis, confirmed this. He had come to Djakarta to report on his seizure of Macassar on April 5, they said. The Federal Defence Minister, the Sultan of Jogjakarta, had guaranteed his safe return to Macassar.

(In Macassar today, East Indonesian Premier Diapari urged the Indonesian Federal Government to avoid bloodshed by abandoning its plan to land a battalion of troops at Macassar at this stage).

Last night, in a broadcast which followed Azis' third refusal to come to Djarkarta for an accounting, Indonesian President Soekarno ordered his troops into action "to settle the Macassar affair".

Twenty minutes earlier, rifle fire had shattered the silence in Macassar. Shots were fired at state police headquarters and state police barracks, but no casualties were reported.

U.N. Not To Intervene In Indonesian Revolt

DJAKARTA, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations Commission in Indonesia is unlikely to intervene in the Macassar revolt situation at this stage, an authoritative source here said today.

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Applicants called for interview will be required to attend at their own expense.

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2. The envelope containing the Tender should be sealed, addressed to the Agent & General Manager, the Barsi Light Railway Co. Ltd., Kurduwadi, and superscribed "Tender for Jagree etc."
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3. The Tenders should reach this office on or before 10th May 1950. The rates quoted should be per Bengal Maund.

4. The successful Tenderer will have to deposit a sum of Rs. 1,000/- as Security Deposit for the due fulfilment of the Contract, for supply of each commodity, STRICTLY AS PER SAMPLE APPROVED, within 10 days of the acceptance of the tender.

5. The Railway Company does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any other Tender, nor is it bound to assign any reason therefor.

AGENT & GENERAL MANAGER.
Kurduwadi, 6th April, 1950. (7591)

SIR J. J. SCHOOL OF ART, BOMBAY.

ARCHITECTURAL SECTION.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointments (22) of part-time visiting Lecturers in the Architectural Section in architectural and constructional subjects, to commence duties on 12th June 1950. Applicants must be Associates or Fellows of the R.I.B.A., holders of Government Diploma in Architecture or Final Certificate in Architecture of the Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay and in private practice. Teaching and professional experience are desirable qualifications. The appointments will be for eight months of the Session. Selected applicants will be paid at the rate of Rs. 25/- per visit of two hours duration, about three visits per week being allotted to each. Members of the Visiting Staff are required to take part in the extra curricular activities of the School.

Applications are also invited from Specialists (5) on the same terms for teaching History of Culture, Interior Design and Decoration Technique of Rendering, Model Making, and Town Planning and Civic Design.

The applications, stating the subject or subjects in which the applicant is interested together with the period of teaching experience and private practice and superscribed "Visiting Lecturer" in the Architectural Section" must reach the DIRECTOR, SIR J. J. SCHOOL OF ART, BOMBAY-1, not later than 1st of May 1950.

V. S. ADURKAR,
Director,
Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay.
Sir J. J. School of Art,
Bombay, 13th April, 1950. (7589)

PUBLIC NOTICES

UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Advertisement No. 15.

APPLICATIONS accompanied by a Treasury Receipt or a Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7 8 - (Rs. 1/14/- for Scheduled Castes, tribal and aboriginal communities candidates), invited for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Union by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Union or of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. SEPARATE APPLICATION WITH SEPARATE FEE REQUIRED FOR EACH POST. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, at New Delhi Post Office. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Candidates applying from outside India should deposit their fees with the High Commissioner for India or the Indian Ambassador or the Government of India's Agent as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. The Commission may at their discretion remit the application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE displaced person and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so. Upper age limit relaxable by three years for Scheduled Castes, tribal and aboriginal communities candidates and displaced persons. For others age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Two weeks' extension allowed to candidates residing abroad.

PART "A".

Closing date for receipt of applications for following posts is 29TH APRIL, 1950. Applications may be submitted on plain paper giving the undermentioned particulars. 1. Name of the post for which applying. 2. Name and address. 3. Father's name. 4. Date and place of birth. 5. Domicile. 6. Qualifications. 7. Previous experience. 8. Full details (with dates and salary drawn) of previous employment if any. 9. Minimum initial salary acceptable 10. Names with addresses of three persons as references. They should be holders of responsible positions but must not be relations.

1. ONE LADY DOCTOR, FEMALE HOSPITAL, BILASPUR (SIMLA HILLS) UNDER THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, BILASPUR. Central Service—Class II. Post permanent and pensionable. Probation one year which may be reduced at the discretion of the Government. The candidate selected for appointment will be required to join duty immediately after selection. PAY:—Rs. 250-15-400-20-500. Higher initial pay may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. AGE:—No age limits but candidates below 40 years will be preferred. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL—(i) Degree/Diploma in Medicine and Surgery of a recognised Indian or Foreign University. (ii) Training in Midwifery and child welfare. (iii) At least one year's practical experience in Midwifery and Surgery. (iv) Acquaintance with East Punjab dialects. DUTIES:—To hold independent charge of the Female Hospital, or Female Section of the General Hospital and to attend to female Medical and Health Service generally.

2. TWO PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS, ARMED FORCES INFORMATION OFFICE, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. Central Service—Class I. Posts temporary for the present but likely to be retained on a permanent basis. Candidates who applied against the Commission's Advertisement No. 72 of 1949 for the post of Public Relations Officer (Navy) under the Ministry of Defence, need not apply again as their applications will be considered for these posts also. Appointments terminable by one month's notice on either side. Selected candidates to join duty immediately after selection. Headquarters ordinarily New Delhi, but the selected officers may be required to serve anywhere in India. Probation 6 months. Posts non-pensionable but a Government servant entitled to pensionary benefits will retain them if selected for appointment. PAY:—Rs. 720-40-1000. AGE:—Between 30 and 45 years. Relaxable for Government servants and Commissioned Officers of the Armed Forces. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL—(i) Degree of a recognised University or equivalent qualification. This may be relaxed in the case of exceptionally qualified candidates. (ii) At least 3 years' experience of responsible journalistic work, preferably as editor or correspondent in a reputable News Organisation or as Military Observer or as Public Relations Officer in the Armed Forces. (iii) Wide knowledge of topical events in India and elsewhere. (iv) Ability to write English in lucid and compact style. DESIRABLE:—Military training in the Navy, Army or the Air Force. DUTIES:—To undertake publicity work for the Army through newspapers, photographs, cine pictures and advertising media.

PART "B".

Closing date for receipt of applications for following items is 13TH MAY, 1950. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, Parliament House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. Candidates should specify name of post while applying for forms. Candidates from outside India may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms are not available.

1. (a) 2 ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS (ELECTRICAL), C.D.O. AND 2 ASSISTANT DIRECTORS (ELECTRICAL) HYDRO-ELECTRIC SECTION AND (b) TWO ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS (MECHANICAL), CENTRAL DESIGNS OFFICE, CENTRAL WATERPOWER, IRRIGATION AND NAVIGATION COMMISSION, MINISTRY OF WORKS, MINES AND POWER. Central Service—Class I. Posts temporary for the present but likely to be made permanent. One of the 4 posts at (a) is reserved for Scheduled Castes candidate but if no such a suitable candidate is available, it will be treated as 'unreserved'. PAY:—Rs. 350-350-380-380-30-590-E.B.-30-770-40-850. Higher initial pay up to Rs. 500/- p.m. may be granted to specially well-qualified and experienced candidates. NOTE:—The pay of Engineering Officers recruited from services with Provincial Governments will be regulated by the provisions of the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power letter No. DW-1-(31) CWINC, dated the 17th March, 1947, as amended by their letter No. DW-II-3(39), dated the 21st May, 1949. AGE: Below 30 years. Relaxable for Government servants. QUALIFICATIONS:—FOR (a):— ESSENTIAL—Honours or First Class Degree in Electrical Engineering of a recognised University. DESIRABLE:—(i) Some experience in one of the following:—(a) Design work connected with big Hydro-Electric Systems comprising Generating Stations Grid Substations, Transmission Lines, etc. (b) Training in a large manufacturing concern in U.S.A. or U.K. etc., specialising in the design and manufacture of heavy electrical machinery and equipment connected with large power projects. (c) Construction or operation and maintenance in a large hydro power system. (ii) Degree in Mechanical Engineering of a recognised University. (iii) Post-graduate degree in Electrical Engineering. FOR (b):—ESSENTIAL—Honours or First Class Degree in Mechanical Engineering of a recognised University. DESIRABLE:—(i) Some experience in one of the following:—(a) Design and Drawing Office experience. (b) Mechanical Engineering Workshop. (c) Steam or Diesel engine power station maintenance and operation. (d) Maintenance of heavy machinery, workshop machinery, etc. associated with any large construction project. (ii) Degree in Electrical Engineering of a recognised University.

2. ONE SUPERINTENDENT CUM CHIEF CHEMIST, WADALA RESEARCH STATION IN THE SALT CONTROLLER'S ORGANISATION UNDER THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY. Central Service Class II. Post temporary for the present but likely to be retained permanently. PAY:—Rs. 275-25-500-E.B.-30-650. Higher initial pay may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. AGE:—Between 25 and 35 years. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL—(i) First Class Master's Degree in Chemistry or Research Degree in Chemistry of a recognised University. (ii) At least 2 years' research experience in inorganic chemistry or in Salt.

3. ONE GENETICIST AND BOTANIST, CENTRAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, CUTTACK UNDER THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. General Central Service—Class I. Post permanent. PAY:—Rs. 600-40-1000-1000-1050-1050-1100-1100-1150. Higher initial pay up to Rs. 800/- p.m. may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. AGE:—Below 45 years. Relaxable for Government servants. QUALIFICATIONS:—ESSENTIAL—(i) 3 years' Honours or Master's Degree in Botany or Agriculture of a recognised University. (ii) Training under a reputed Geneticist and ability to initiate research on the genetics of rice. (iii) At least 10 years' experience in genetical and plant breeding work as evidenced by published work dealing with original contributions on the subjects. Preference will be given to one with experience in rice. DESIRABLE—Experience of running a research Station and ability to coordinate the work with other aspects of botanical research.

CORRIGENDUM

SEVEN ASSISTANT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS IN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF RESETTLEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT, MINISTRY OF LABOUR. In partial modification of item 2 of the Commission's advertisement No. 12 which appeared on the 25th March, 1950, it is notified for general information that the number of posts has since been increased to eight as follows:—"One each for Bombay, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Madras and Orissa and two for Uttar Pradesh." Closing date for receipt of applications extended from 22ND APRIL, 1950 to 6TH MAY, 1950. (7570)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VIJKUVERBAI, widow of Mangaldas Balkisondas of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client

All persons having any claim against or to the said property of any nature whatsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY:

ALL that piece or parcel of Khoti land or ground, containing by admeasurement about 2700 sq. yds. being a portion of a larger piece or parcel of Khoti land or ground, situate, lying and being in Mouje Juhu in Greater Bombay (District Bombay Suburban South Salsette) in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, containing by admeasurement 1¼ acres and 2¼ gunthas or 7260 sq. yds. or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Survey No. 42 Entry No. 165, Plot No. 1, Hissa No. 3 and bounded, on the East by Public passage, on the West by the property formerly of Silva and now of Ratansey Dharamsey, on the North by the temple of Shanker and passage and on the South by the property of Rajaram Tukaram.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1950.

DABHOLKER & JESHTARAM,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
Alli Chambers, Medows Street,
Bombay (1). (7582)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE INDIAN FOUNDRIES (PIPES) LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation.)

AT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above Company as on 11th April, 1950, the undersigned was appointed as the liquidator of the above company for the purpose of winding up.

Notice is hereby given that the Creditors and other persons having claims against the abovesaid Company should notify the said claims (if any) at 16, Apollo Street, 209, Sir Vithaldas Chambers, Bombay, 1, within 30 days from the date hereof at the expiration of which time the undersigned shall deal with the claims on record and begin distribution according to Law.

AMRATLAL K. PARIKH.
Chartered Accountant,
Liquidator.

Dated the 14th day of April, 1950. (1755)

AUCTION SALES

GRAND AUCTION SALE of valuable diamond—and Emerald Jewellery TOMORROW (SUNDAY) the 16th inst. at 10 a.m. at New Queen's Road (near Roxy Cinema) Dreamland Victory Furniture Mart Show Rooms. By order of the concerned. On view. Conditions as usual. M. MODY & CO., Auctioneers.

SALE ON THURSDAY 20TH APRIL, 1950, AT 4-30 P.M. ON THE PREMISES OF THE PROPERTY.

Immoveable property with buildings known as Sunnu Lodge, and Jehangir Lodge and other structures at Mori Road, Mahim.

Under instructions from Messrs. Lala & Co., Attorneys for Messrs. N. J. Patel and P. J. Patel present Trustees of the deed of settlement made by the late Mr. Jehangir Sorabji Patel, on the 28th June, 1929, the undersigned will sell by Public Auction as stated above the following property No. 6 Mori Road, Mahim.

FIRSTLY—Piece of land about 1476 square yards bearing cadastral survey No. 1457 Mahim Division.

SECONDLY—Toka Land about 75 square yards bearing cadastral survey No. 1/1457 Mahim Division.

THIRDLY—Piece of land about 280 square yards cadastral survey No. 1/1457 Mahim Division.

FOURTHLY—Fazandari land about 146 6/9 square yards cadastral survey No. 1/1457 Mahim Division.

FIFTHLY—Government land about 106 square yards cadastral survey No. 1/1457 Mahim Division.

SIXTHLY—Piece of land about 17 square yards cadastral survey No. 1/1457 Mahim Division.

All the above pieces of land are amalgamated into one piece, admeasuring about 2100 6/9 square yards with building known as Sunnu Lodge & Jehangir Lodge and other structures.

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from Messrs. Lala & Co. Attorneys for the Vendors Esmail Building, 381 Hornby Road or from the undersigned.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
123, Medows Street.

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 a.m. Property of European gentleman and others at Babulal Mansion Chaupatty Sea Face of complete household and office furniture, Milner's safe, steel-almirah, typewriter, sewing machine, radio, wall-clock, Elec. fan, dining writing and dressing table, side board, show case, chesterfield, almirah, bed, Columbia port. gramophone, hall carpet, etc. (S. Tax) T. 40213. EASTERN AUCTION CO.

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General Manager.

Labelling Of Drugs

A WARNING AND A CONCESSION

BOMBAY, Friday

The provisions of the Drugs Act, 1940 and the Drugs Rules, 1945, have been in force in the State of Bombay since April 1, 1947. The labelling provisions under the Act and Rules in respect of drugs (both pharmacopocial and non-pharmacopocial) imported into, or manufactured in the country were, however, enforced only from April 1, 1949.

The effect of this has been that the import and manufacture of drugs, not labelled in accordance with the Drugs Act and Rules, are not being allowed from April 1, 1949.

Apart from the stocks imported into or manufactured in, the State after that date there are, at present, in the market unexpended stocks of patent and proprietary medicines and other drugs, imported into or manufactured in the State before that date, which are not labelled according to the Drugs Act and Rules

As rigorous enforcement of the labelling provisions in respect of such drugs with effect from April 1, 1949, would have resulted in considerable financial loss to the trade, time was given to the trade to dispose of such stocks up to the end of December, 1949.

In view, however, of the representations received from the trade that it has not yet been possible for it to dispose of the entire stocks of such defectively labelled drugs, it has been decided to allow the trade a time-lag of further six months to dispose of such stocks.

All stocks of such drugs should be disposed of before July 1, 1950, from which date labelling provisions under the Drugs Act and Rules will be rigidly enforced in respect of all drugs irrespective of the fact whether they were imported or manufactured in the State before or after April 1, 1949.

Politics And Govt. Servants

MORARJI'S STATEMENT DEPLORED

BOMBAY, Friday: Mr. Asoka Mehta, General Secretary of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, today expressed his surprise at the statement of Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Government of Bombay, to the effect that Government would dismiss any employee who was found participating in politics.

In a statement to the Press today, Mr. Mehta said that only recently the Home Minister "justified the extension of the right to stand for election to the Legislature to the members of the Home Guards on the plea that a similar right exists in Great Britain in the case of the Territorial Forces"

Yet, he added, Mr. Desai seemed to be unwilling to be guided by the conventions and rules prevailing in Britain, under which civil servants could stand for election, form their organisations and affiliate their organisations not only to the Trade Union Congress but even to a political party.

Mr. Mehta said: "If Mr. Morarji Desai and his Government want that Government employees should serve the public in a different way and with a different approach, he must be prepared to make them feel that their rights of citizenship are being cherished by Government, and that they, too, are the recipients of a new deal.

"The continuation of the policy followed under the British Government will ultimately result in deadening the response of Government employees and in adversely affecting the quality of the administration as well as the relationship between the Government and the governed.

SHAMDASANI'S APPEAL ALLOWED

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar and Mr. Justice Vyas).

P. D. Shamdasani—Appellant (Original Applicant);
vs.
H. C. Captain, Managing Director of the Central Bank of India Ltd... Respondent.

Their Lordships allowed an appeal from decision of Mr. Justice Tendolkar dismissing an application under the "Original Criminal Jurisdiction" of the High Court under Section 476 of the Criminal Procedure Code, for an order that it may record a finding and make a complaint against the respondent for having intentionally given and/or fabricated false evidence in a suit filed by the applicant in 1943 against the Central Bank of India Ltd. claiming certain reliefs in connection with the forfeiture of his shares, which suit had been dismissed by Mr. Justice Tendolkar on 3rd August 1949.

The trial judge had held that when a question under Section 476 arose out of proceedings in a civil suit, as in the present case, the proper procedure was by an application to that court under its civil jurisdiction, and not under criminal jurisdiction which that Court might not possess.

Agreeing with a Full Bench decision of the Bombay High Court, their Lordships held that an application made to a civil court under section 476 of the Criminal Procedure Code related to a criminal proceeding and could not be treated as a civil application. Their Lordships allowed the appeal and remanded the application to the trial judge for disposal on merits.

The appellant appeared in person. Mr. M. L. Maneksha, Mr. R. J. Kolah and Mr. A. A. Adarkar instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co. appeared for the respondent.

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Patriotism Will Not Fail Shipping

Mr. D. M. KHATAU'S CONFIDENCE

Call For Co-operation And Adjustment

SPEECH AT SCINDIA MEETING

BOMBAY, Friday.

MR. DHARAMSEY M. KHATAU, Chairman of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. said today at the thirtieth ordinary general meeting of the company here that it was the patriotism of the Indian shippers that placed Indian Shipping on its feet in the past and that that patriotism will not fail the industry in its future development also. It was necessary however, he added that all Indian shipping companies should work in co-operation and in a spirit of mutual adjustment to reach the desired goal.

SHRI. DHARAMSEY M. KHATAU.

Moving the adoption of the audited Balance Sheet and Accounts and the Directors' Report Mr. Khatau, observed that Mr. Walchand Hirachand had resigned as Chairman of the Company owing to indifferent health.

Mr. Walchand, said Mr. Khatau, has been associated with shipping and Scindia Company for past 30 years and his monumental services to Indian shipping deserved high tribute. His courage and foresight had saved the Company on many a critical occasion and he had inspired not only those who worked with him but all those who struggled for the cause of Indian shipping.

Regarding the working of the year under report, Mr. Khatau said that heavy movement in commodities that was the special feature of the war and post-war rehabilitation periods was now ended. Some countries besides had newly entered into shipping and the number of ships in commission on most of the routes had increased.

COASTAL TONNAGE

Countries like Britain, France and Italy have recouped their war losses in tonnage. Even Japan will soon be wholly free to rebuild her lost tonnage. On Indian coast also the number of shipping companies have more than doubled. In fact, it is felt that there is more tonnage on the coast than is required, because due to various causes movement of cargo has not increased to the same extent.

The Indo-Pakistan trade is practically at a standstill. The imports of rice from Burma have considerably dwindled. There is besides the competition of Pakistan and other foreign companies. The devaluation of the rupee has seriously retarded overseas movement. The operation costs have remained at high level.

Even the prevailing freight rates, therefore, are proving uneconomic, but rates in certain trades are already falling and the downward tendency is evident in many routes and services.

HOPE FOR INDIAN SHIPPING

Government Help

Despite this, remarked Mr. Khatau, there was every hope for Indian shipping especially as the national Government have decided to implement as far as circumstances permit the recommendations of the Shipping Policy Committee. The plan to set up three Shipping Corporations for overseas trades has partly materialised and the Scindia Co. have been appointed the Managing Agents of the first Shipping Corporation.

The Government were also using their good offices to assist Indian companies in entering into Conference arrangements with various foreign interests. A special Directorate General of Shipping is set up and all efforts are made to expand Indian shipping in various directions.

A system of licensing ships plying on the Indian coast has been introduced which step, Mr. Khatau hoped, would lead ultimately to reservation of coastal trade. It was common knowledge, said Mr. Khatau, that shipping cannot progress without State assistance and the goodwill of the country.

It was the patriotism of the Indian shippers that placed Indian shipping on its feet in the past and Mr. Khatau felt that that patriotism will not fail the industry in its future development also. It was necessary, however, that all Indian shipping companies should work in co-operation and in a spirit of mutual adjustment to reach the desired goal.

INDO-PAK TRADE

Mr. Khatau said that the Indo-Pakistan trade which had already fallen by over 50% in 1947-48 compared with the pre-partition figures had further dwindled in 1948-49 to less than 15%. The position had worsened in the current year and the Company could carry only 15,700 tons during the 8 months ending February 1950 as against 1,05,000 tons in 1947-48 and 34,500 tons in 1948-49.

A few ships were required to carry salt and general cargoes on the coast, but there was not enough trade to enable the country to maintain a mercantile marine of an appreciable size, though the desire is common to all to build up a mercantile marine of adequate strength for commercial and defence needs of the country.

It was then imperative to reach increasingly higher targets of tonnage in the next 5 to 7 years. One important step towards that end was, said Mr. Khatau, to devise a co-ordinating policy between rail and sea transport. Taking coal for instance, Mr. Khatau pointed out that even though there was appreciable shortage the wagons were being overworked by the railways and coal was carried to all points on the Continent at lowest rates possible thus diverting an important commodity from ships.

It would involve a heavy cost to replace the over-worked wagons and it should be urgently considered by the Government whether they should incur this capital cost and carry coal to ports at uneconomic rates or whether they should stop the movement of coal by rail wherever possible and allow it to be carried by ships with a view to assist the mercantile marine of the country.

While railways were fully nationalised and protected shipping was a vulnerable industry. The two transport systems, therefore, need to be co-ordinated in the larger interest of the whole country. Mr. Khatau said that in the U.K. the Coasting Shipping Advisory Committee of the Chamber of Shipping had established conference arrangements between coastal shipping and rail and road transport, and added that this example should be followed in India.

MORE BURDENS

Referring to the conditions prevailing after the close of the year under report, Mr. Khatau said that the prospects were not very bright. Imports and exports were continually diminishing and the Bombay Port Trust in order to reduce their deficit for the year 1950-51 had levied a surcharge of 33.1/3rd per cent on all rates and dues. This has added a further burden on shipping.

A good few ships are lying idle on the coast due to lack of cargo for Burma rice exports had dwindled and also because coal cargoes were diverted to rail routes. On the other hand, there is easy availability of tramp tonnage and the freight rates were showing a downward trend. Recently, for example, the Ceylon Government pressed and obtained a reduction for a year in Rangoon/Colombo rice freight from Rs. 34/- to Rs. 25/-. The Burma/India passenger traffic, now that refugee movement has considerably decreased has declined rapidly.

The results of the overseas services have been poor principally because of the employment of 8,000 ton coastal units which were not suitable for overseas trade. These have been now replaced by 10,000 tons Libertys which show comparatively better results. But rates on important commodities like groundnuts and seeds had to be reduced to meet competition and cargoes yet are scarce. except for cheap rated bulk cargoes like manganese and ilmenite.

Our U.K. passenger ships have become very popular, but their operating results are far from satisfactory. We have placed the matter of assistance to these ships before the Government for their favourable consideration. During the year we had suffered heavy losses on account of rate war initiated by the Dutch Line and we have placed our case for reimbursement against these losses also before the Government.

We have placed two fast steamers on the America Line, but the devaluation of the rupee has considerably affected the American cargoes and thus the advantage gained by faster ships has not proved as beneficial as we expected.

COMPETITION FROM RAILWAYS

Subsidies Proposed

Mr. Khatau then referred to the State aid given in other countries and said that the subsidies payable during the current year in the United States came to about 58 millions and even large companies like the Isthmian Line had asked for a subsidy. The Government of the U.K. assisted the coast lines every year for the last four years to the tune of about £500,000 in spite of the fact the U.K. coast is much shorter and the coastal units are much smaller than in India.

The operating conditions which necessitate Government assistance to coastal shipping in India are the same as in the U.K., namely, uneconomic competition of Rly. and high costs. It is, therefore, obvious that the State in the wider interests of the nation should render adequate assistance to coastal as well as overseas shipping in order to develop a strong mercantile marine.

The present policy of licensing should be revised and coastal trade should be reserved, rationalised and co-ordinated with railway transport. Operating subsidies should be granted on specialised overseas services and the bulk of Government owned and Government controlled cargoes be carried by Indian vessels. Mr. Khatau said that the Government had all these problems under consideration at the moment and it was hoped that they will bear very fruitful results.

VIZAG SHIPYARD

On the basis of the report made by French experts Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee had said that if properly looked after and developed the Visakhapatanam Shipyard was bound to turn out as one of the best in the world. He also said that that Yard was a national concern and it was the duty of any national Government to see that it was not compelled to close down.

The Company was thankful to Dr. Mookerjee for these encouraging words, but the negotiations for the purchase of Shipyard by the Government were at present abandoned in view of financial stringency. The Government, however, have assisted the Yard by placing an order for building ships which will keep the Yard alive for some more time to come.

Meantime, the workers and staff at Visakhapatanam have agreed to accept reduced dearness allowance by 33-1/3rd per cent, resulting in a saving of about Rs. 8 lakhs per year. This cut will be restored to the extent permissible by any profit emerging out of the activities of the Yard.

Ways and means will have, however, to be found whereby this vital industry can be kept alive. The Company has trained workers in the various specialised operations of shipbuilding at considerable cost during the last 7/8 years. It is essential, therefore, that these skilled personnel may not be wasted.

The annual burden that the Company carries on account of this Yard by way of interest and Sinking Fund on Debenture Loan comes to over Rs. 32 lakhs. The Company cannot continue to bear this burden in vain. Mr. Khatau said that he was very thankful to Dr. Mookerjee for having stated that not in a single civilised country had the shipbuilding industry prospered without subsidy or assistance from the State and that other countries had spent millions of pounds a year for years to encourage shipbuilding.

Due to various reasons the cost of building ships in India was yet higher than in other countries. A construction subsidy in respect of ships built in India is therefore necessary to make the operation of the Yard economical. This matter has been moved with the Government and a favourable decision is awaited.

GOVERNMENT CO.

The first Government sponsored Corporation has commenced operations and the Company has been appointed its Managing Agents. The issued capital is of Rs. 2 crores, 74% of which will be subscribed by the Government and 26% by the Company. The Government have purchased two Canadian Victory ships which are now operated on the India/Australia run.

In this connection, said Mr. Khatau, the Directors had taken into consideration all aspects of the question and considered it advisable to join the Corporation and shoulder the responsibility of managing it in the wider interests of the Company itself.

Mr. Khatau then referred to the increased unavoidable expenditure and said that the wages bill of floating staff had increased by over Rs. 16 lakhs, victualling by Rs. 8 lakhs, deck and engine stores by Rs. 6 lakhs and stevedoring, claim, transhipment, etc., by Rs. 58 lakhs. The coal prices had gone up recently by about Rs. 23/- a ton and the fuel prices by about Rs. 20/- per ton.

Various dues like marine dues, light dues, canal dues, etc. had increased the cost by Rs. 30 lakhs, and insurance on the fleet had increased by Rs. 16 lakhs. As mentioned in the previous reports, said Mr. Khatau, because the Company was not allowed to carry out the usual heavy survey repairs during the war, such repairs including reconditioning of "Jalagopal" and "Jaladurga" had to be done during the last two years.

The claim of the company for refund under E.P.T. Act was submitted to the Central Board of Revenue. The total cost of repairs over the whole fleet in these years was about Rs. 1.25 crores in 47-48 and Rs. 90 lakhs in 48-49. During the year 49-50, however, the cost of repairs to 30 ships was estimated at about Rs. 45 lakhs.

It was the constant endeavour of the Company to reduce expenditure wherever possible. The dearness allowance of all officers had been reduced and the question of reduction in allowance to staff had been referred to Industrial Court. The Calicut group of offices were abolished and Agents appointed instead. In spite of the increase in shipping services operated by the Company compared to the previous year, the management expenses had gone up only by about Rs. 4 lakhs which included additional advertising expenses for overseas services and special contribution to Gandhi Memorial Fund.

MASTER'S RETIREMENT

Referring to the retirement of Mr. Master, Mr. Khatau said that he had known Mr. Master for many years and he took this opportunity to express his appreciation of his ability and his love for Indian shipping which contributed in no small measure to the growth of the industry during last 30 years.

Mr. Khatau then referred to Mr. G. L. Mehta who was associated with the Company for 20 years and who after acting as President of the Tariff Board was now appointed to the Planning Commission. Mr. Khatau said that he had no doubt all present would join him in wishing Mr. Mehta success in this wider sphere of acticity.

In concluding his speech Mr. Khatau said that there was a general desire on the part of the Agents, Directors and the shareholders to strengthen the Agency Firm. They were, therefore, grateful to the Deputy Prime Minister, The Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, whose interest and guidance in the welfare of the Company has been an important feature of its history to have been pleased to induce the Government to lend to the Company the services of Mr. N. Dandekar, I.C.C., for a period of five years.

Mr. Khatau also thanked the Hon'ble Dr. Mookerjee and the Hon'ble Mr. Neogy for their good offices in this connection. Mr. Dandekar, said Mr. Khatau, has had a very distinguished career in Civil Service and his active association with the management was bound to be of considerable help in dealing with the various difficult problems that the Company had to face both in shipping and in shipbuilding activities.

Mr. Khatau then referred to the valuable co-operation they had received from the Shareholders' Committee in considering various questions including strengthening of the Agency Firm. He thanked the Committee for the constructive approach and helpful suggestions made by them in the course of the discussions that he and his colleagues had with them.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Chaitra Vad 13, 2006.
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Akhar 26, 1369.
Parsi: Avan 15, 1319.
Sunrise: 6-23 a.m. Sunset: 6-56 p.m.
Hightide: 11-16, 23-17.
Lowtide: 05-06, 17-10.

Today's Engagements

SOUTH INDIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY: Annual sports and Prize distribution ceremony, Indian Gymkhana Grounds Matunga, 4-45 p.m Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, will preside.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Meeting at Jehangir Wadia Building, Fort, at 6-15 p.m.

SINGER SEWING MACHINE COMPANY'S EMPLOYEES' UNION: Annual social gathering at Peoples' Hall, Vithalbhai Patel Road, 6 p.m. Shri S. K Patil, Mayor of Bombay, will preside.

AMAR HIND MANDAL: Vasant Vyakhyan Mala annual session at Dr. Antonio D'Silva High School, Ranade Road, Dadar. Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay will inaugurate the session and Shri S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, will address, 6-30 p.m

GENUINE FUSLEE ZOROASTRIAN NEW YEAR JASHAN: Ceremony will be at Dadysheth Fire Temple, Hornby Road, on 16 April (Sunday), from 8-30 to 10-30 a.m., during which, religiously minded Parsees may please come even for five minutes. Dasturji Daboo and others will speak and Lieut.-Col. Rustom M. Khareghat, will preside

PLOT ON LIFE OF NEHRU

No Arrest Made

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Director of publicity writes:

It seems that the report is being circulated that Shri Morarji Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue, said at his morning Press Conference something about the arrest in connection with the plot on the life of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. This is entirely wrong.

LOW PRESSURE OVER RAJASTHAN

All-India Weather

POONA, April 14 (PTI): A fresh western disturbance lies this morning as a well-marked low pressure area over West Rajasthan and the South Punjam It is likely to move east-northeastwards.

Thundershowers have been widespread in Assam and occurred locally in West Bengal. A few thundershowers have also occurred in Orissa, coastal Andharadesa and the Simla Hills.

Day temperatures were appreciably below normal in North-East India and East Uttar Pradesh and appreciably above normal along and near the east coast of the peninsula.

Forecast valid until Saturday evening: Rainfall will decrease but will continue locally in Assam. There will also be local thundershowers in West Bengal, Orissa and Chota Nagpur and a few thundershowers in Bihar and the extreme south of the Peninsula. Local thunderstorms are likely in the Punjab and Uttar Pradesh and a few duststorms in North Rajasthan. Dust-raising winds are likely in South Rajasthan.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, with total rainfall from 1st March 1950, and departure from normal recorded at 8-30 a.m. (IST) on 14th April 1950:—

Ahmedabad 102 74 0 0 minus 0.1 Allahabad 98 69 0 1.8 plus 1.1 Bangalore 93 69 0 0 minus 1.0 Baroda 99 75 0 0 0 Bhavnagar 101 74 0 0 minus 0.1 Bhopal 98 73 0 1.6 plus 1.1 Bhuj 98 75 0 0 minus 1.2 BOMBAY 87 77 0 0 minus 0.1 Kanpur 96 66 0 0.6 plus 0.2 Cherrapunji 67 52 0.8 9.3 minus 4.6 Darjiling 54 40 0.4 5.9 plus 2.9 Hanamkonda 102 75 0 0.2 minus 0.3 Honavar 89 71 0 0 — Hyderabad (Dn) 103 77 0 0.1 minus 1.0 Indore 97 71 0 0.2 plus 0.1 Jaipur 95 76 0 0.1 minus 0.3 Jamshedpur 99 71 0 2.0 — Jubbulpore 97 65 0 1.4 plus 0.8 Kodaikanal 68 56 0 2.2 plus 0.8 Kolhapur 94 66 0 0.3 — Mahabaleshwar 82 63 0 0.1 minus 0.4 Mangalore 88 73 0 0.1 minus 0.5 Mercara 80 62 0 0.5 minus 1.1 Mussoorie 66 51 0 4.1 plus 1.1 Mysore 96 66 0 0 minus 0.9 Ootacamund 75 48 0 0.3 minus 2.1 Pachmarhi 90 62 0 0.8 plus 0.2 Poona 97 63 0 0.4 plus 0.1 Rajkot 106 73 0 0 minus 0.1 Ranchi 93 — — 0 2.4 plus 0.9 Rawalpindi 64 62 0 2.9 minus 0.9 Shillong 68 51 0 5.3.7 minus 0.6 Sholapur 103 70 0 0.3 0 Simla 63 43 0.1 4.5 plus 1.2 Surat 88 77 0 0 0.

Party To G. L. Mehta

BOMBAY, Friday.

The officers and members of the staff of the Indian Tariff Board were 'At Home' to Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Board, on Wednesday afternoon, to felicitate him on his appointment as a Member of the Planning Commission. Dr. H. L. Dey and Dr. B. V. Narayanaswamy Naidu, Members of the Board, were also present.

Dr. Pattabhi Entertained

BOMBAY, Friday: Congress President Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya was this evening entertained to tea by Seth Hooseinbhoy A. Lalljee. Among those present were Sir Sulleman Cassam Mitha, Sir Fazalbhoy Currimbhoy and Mr. S. L. Silam.

"Birth Of Pakistan" Is Uncertified Film

BOMBAY, Friday: The film entitled "Birth of Pakistan" (Hindi), produced by the Educational Film Guild, India, has been declared by the Government of Bombay as uncertified in the whole of the State.

REFUGEE FAMILIES LEAVE FOR ANDAMANS

W. Bengal Govt. Grant One Week Rations

CALCUTTA, April 14 (PTI): Thirty-five refugee families left for the Andamans today by S.S. 'Maharaja'.

The West Bengal Governor, Dr. K. N. Katju met the refugees at the Outram Ghat jetty before they embarked yesterday evening and wished them 'bon voyage'. The Governor distributed some money to minor children and babies among the refugees and told them that he proposed to visit the Andamans sometime later to see for himself how they were faring in their new surroundings.

The refugees were agriculturists and most of them had come to West Bengal during the past two months. For their settlement in the Anadamans Government have provided them with seven days' rations, one month's cash dole at the rate of rupees 15 per adult and rupees 10 per minor, utensils, agricultural implements, blankets, dhoties and sarees.

WORKERS' PARTY LEADER ARRESTED

POONA April 14. (PTI): Mr. N. N. Satha, a prominent leader of the Workers' and Peasants' Party was arrested yesterday at Ahmednagar under the Preventive Detention Act, according to report received here.

Mr. Satha is also the editor of the weekly "Inquilab".

BOMBAY, Friday: The industrial dispute between the Western India Engineering Company, Bombay, and its workers has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Shri Salim M. Merchant.

The Pulse Of The City

HOUSE-BREAKING: Three members of an alleged gang of housebreakers were arrested for removing goods from a godown at Narsi Natha Street, Dongri on Thursday. They were remanded to police custody.

THEFT: Laxman A. Karpe suspected to have broken open a godown at Tambe Kante Lane and removed 19 cases of hardware valued at Rs. 2,910 sometime in the last month was arrested on Wednesday. Ram Lakhan, an alleged accomplice in the same case was arested earlier. The suspect was remanded to custody.

EXTORTION: Hazarlal Ramlal a panch witness in a case pending against a cloth merchant, according to the prosecution, extorted Rs. 200 from the cloth merchant for giving favourable evidence in the case. The Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, however acquitted the suspect stating that the prosecution had not proved their case. Chotalal Dharamsay who according to the prosecution aided and abetted the commission of the offence was also acquitted.

MURDER: For murdering his own mistress in the broad day light at Worli Naka, Sheikh Marwan Jakmuddin, 25, was sentenced to transportation for life by the Sessions Judge, Greater Bombay.

TOO COSTLY KISS: For forcibly attempting to kiss a 14-year old Sikh girl in a crowded public street Krishnamurti Ramaswamy, a graduate was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 200, in default to undergo two months' R.I. Rejecting defence counsel's request for a light sentence the magistrate observed that the offence looked more heinous by the fact that an educated young man had behaved like a beast without the least decency.

PROHIBITION: A working still operating at Kalina, Santa Cruz was raided, Thursday evening and 368 gallons of wash and 24 gallons of illicit liquor was seized. Beni Jacob D'Souza and Ganpat Kanu were arrested.

BLACK-MARKETING: Chimanlal Beliram Mehta Proprietor, Beliram Chunilal and Compan was arrested for alleged selling of one dose of 4,00,000 units of penicillin for Rs. 13 while the control price for the same is rupees six. Omprakash Talwar, brother-in-law of Mehta who was in the shop at the time of the transaction was also arrested. Both were released on bail.

UNGRATEFUL: Police arrested Pat Constantine Dabrel, Friday, for alleged theift of 14 gross of pickers valued at Rs 2,782 from the godown of Morgan Miller and Co. in which firm he was working as a salesman a year ago. Since a month he had visited the office of the complainant and asked for his old job. On refusal he is stated to have removed the key of the godown and stolen the goods when the staff of the office were out for lunch.

FATAL BURNS: Nalini Mahadeo Nimkar, residing at Zabwachi Wadi, Thakurdwar, sustained fatal burns while preparing tea, Thursday afternoon. She died in hospital. Another house-wife Shantibai Chunilal residing at Sharda Chawil. Prabhat colony, Santa Cruz also met the same fate.

GOT A JOB: A woman went to Santa Cruz to meet a person in connection with her job. She had got the address of the person but did not know the wawy. Twwo persons told her that they knew the way and asked her to follow them. They took her to a lonely place and relieved her of wrist watch and cash collectively valued at Rs. 60. One of the suspects was later arrested and remanded to police custidy. The other person is still at large.

STRIKE: About 200 workers in the Ring Department of Sir Shapurji Broacha Mills at Dilisle Road were reported to have resorted to stayin-strike. Demands: Increased number of certain type of employees in the department

TODAY'S RADIO

SATURDAY, April 15

Air News From Delhi

English 8 a.m., 1-30 p.m., 6, 9, Gujarati 8-45 a.m., 1 p.m., 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m., 1-40 p.m., 6-10, 9-15; Kannada 7-45 a.m., 7-45 p.m.; Malayalam 7-30 a.m., 7-30 p.m.; Marathi 8-30 a.m., 12-50 p.m., 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m., 7-15 p.m., Telugu 7 a.m., 1-00 p.m., 7 p.m.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor bhaee, 7-35 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme 7-45 A. Dave, G. onajan, 8-15 Nalini Mulgaonkar, bhairon, 12-45 p.m Tantrakari, 12-50 A Dave. G. ghazals 1-10 Manjul Naad. 1-40 Listeners postbag, 5-0 G. Joshi, violin. 5-30 For children, 6-10 Ratnakant, kh. shreef. 6-30 Music theory and parotic, 7-0 Day's topic, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 P. A. Gokhale, kamod, 7-45 For Industrial workers, 9-15 P. A. Gokhale, kh. hameer, 9-30 Film songs, 9-45 Films review, 9-55 A. Marzban, twice a week

VARIATIONS—8-0 a.m. G. Joshi, violin, 8-45 P. A. Gokale, M. pad, 1-0 p.m Compositions of B. B. Borkar. 1-30 Manjul Naad 1-50 Composite programme M., 6-0 Kannad songs, 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news. 8-15 Nalini Mulgaonkar, M. songs, 8-30 Letters replies M., 8-40 Musical interlude 8-45 V Madgulkar, "sulawaichi poli" M., 9-0 Folk song. 10-0 Nalini Mulgaonkar, kedara, 10-30 G. Joshi, violin.

BARODA

7-30 a.m., Prayer, 7-45 Today and tomorrow, 7-50 G. Thakore, geet, 8-15 S. Pulee and party, orch. music, 8-30 A H. Khan desi, 5-30 p.m As in Ahmedabad 5-45 S Pulee and party orch, music, 6-10 Shantabai Saraf, multani, 6-30 For rural listeners. 7-0 "Purani yad", 7-15 Shantabai Sharaf, bhajan, 7-30 S. Pulee and party, orch. music, 7-45 G. Thakore, geet 8-0 K. S A. Karim, shudh kalyan, 8-10 Locals. 8-30 "Jane chno tamboe", 9-30 N Pathak's play on rising problem.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. Ashram Bhajanali, 7-40 Bhajnkar, 8-15 A. Pandya, G. geet, 8-30 S Vyas "rain ka swapna", 9-30 p.m. A. Pandya, 5-45 and 6-10 As in Ahmedabad. 6-30 From new films, 6-45 A. Darbar, clarionet, 7-0 S. Vyas, khyal, 7-15 Letters replies, 7-25 Weekly prog. summary. 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 Locals. 8-5 Lata Mangeshkar, 8-30 Variety. 9-30 As in Baroda.

B. B. C.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE. 6-45 a.m. The Debate Continues. 7 Take it from here 7-30 The Technique of Acting. 8 Music Magazine 8-15 World Affairs 8-45 Music For Dancing 10 Anton and His Orchestra. 10-30 Much-Binding-in. The Marsh 11 Sports Review. 11-15 Listeners' Choice. 11-45 Listeners Choice. 1 p.m Bandstand 1-30 British Concert Hall. 2-30 The Adventures of Richard Hannay. 3 Ray's A Laugh 3-30 Tip-Top Tunes. 4 Music for Shakespeare 4-45 Accordeon Interlude. 5 The Hydrogen Bomb. 5-45 John Bull's Band. 6-15 The Pleasures of Near and Familiar Things. 6-45 B.B.C. Opera Orchestra. 7-45 Music from the Movies. 8-25 Scotland v. England. 9-45 Scotland v. England. 10-15 Meet the Commonwealth.

EASTERN SERVICE: 7-30 p.m. Question and Answer. 8 Bachchon Ke Liye. 8-30 Bichitra

BOMBAY, Friday: In Sangeet Sadhana, All-India Radio, Bombay, will interview tomorrow (Saturday), Shanta Apte, the well-known film star. The programme can be heard on Bombay 'A' at 6-30 p.m.

SEASONAL CHANGES IN WAVE-LENGTHS

Mr. Nerurkar's View

BOMBAY, Friday

The development of radio communication in recent years had so crowded the radio spectrum as to make disturbance-free transmission very scarce, observed Mr. B. Y. Nerurkar, Station Engineer, A.I.R., Bombay, who was a delegate to the International High Frequency Broadcasting Conference recently held at Mexico City and to the Administrative Radio Conference at Geneva, in a talk here to the Institution of Engineers (India).

Mr. Nerurkar declared that as a result of this it had become necessary to work out a new assignment plan based on sound technical principles and standards, whereby provision also was made to change operating wavelengths for broadcasting according to the seasons of the year and the position of the 11-year sunspot cycle.

Mr. Nerurkar said: "It was mainly due to the stand taken by India that the conference at Mexico City decided that the assignment of frequencies should be made after taking into account various general factors, chief amongst which are—area, population, languages and existing number of frequencies."

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BETTER ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC TRUSTS

Bombay Assembly Passes Bill

BOMBAY, Friday.

IN THE TEETH of opposition from the members of the Fourth Party, the Bombay Legislative Assembly passed the Public Trusts Bill at its special session today. The Bill aims at regulating and making better provisions for the administration of the public religious and charitable trusts in the State of Bombay.

The opposition amendment concerning the application of the Doctrine of Cyprus to charitable trusts took much of the time of the House and was ultimately thrown out by an overwhelming majority It was then pressed to a division, the result being the same Division was also asked for on one more amendment and a clause After the amendment was rejected, the clause was adopted

OPPOSITION'S GRIEVANCE

At this stage Mr A. A. Khan, Leader of the House declared that since Government were not in a mood to accept any of the opposition amendment, the Opposition did not intend to move any more amendments This brought forth a sharp rejoinder from Mr Dinkerrao Desai, Minister for Civil Supplies who piloted the Bill, he said that if the amendments were reasonable or even "on the verge of reasonableness Government had no objection in accepting them. He therefore felt that the statement made by the Leader of the Opposition was not correct.

The Bill was then read for the third time and passed in the amended form.

Earlier Mr Dinkerrao Desai, replying to the debate on the amendment pertaining to the Doctrine of Cyprus said that the Doctrine was accepted by all the communities It applied to Hindus and there were various instances of Hindu trusts in which funds had been diverted to aims and objects other than those laid down by the original donors

He said that the objection raised by some of the Jains was not against the principle embodied in the Doctrine, but against its application only in regard to the Dev-Dravya.

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The Minister further cited instances of various decisions given by eminent Muslim jurists to indicate that the Doctrine of Cyprus was recognised by the Muslim law also He pointed out that the courts had drawn no distinction between the Muslim law and the law of other communities, so far as this Doctrine was concerned. He added, "On the part of the Government, there is neither any transgression nor going beyond the law so far as the Cyprus Doctrine is concerned. Government intends to consult public opinion before applying the law to any particular trust, and for this purpose they had decided to appoint Assessors!

Referring to the Charity Commissioner, the Minister said that such a Commissioner was only a "suggestive authority", where as the actual application of the law lay with the High Court.

He made it clear that no shackles were placed on the High Court judges who were at full liberty to interpret the Doctrine of Cyprus as they liked, in the light of the previous rulings and in the light of the changes effected in law from time to time in accordance with the requirements of a growing society.

The Minister said that there was no fear of the intention of the original donors being given a "go-by" by the application of the Cyprus Doctrine He asserted that the courts were not likely to go beyond or transgressing the rights of the individual or the community, because the very meaning of "Cyprus" was that "it should be as near to the original objects as possible"

The Bill was then read for the third time and passed.

A Bill enhancing the daily allowance of the members of the Assembly from Rs 5 to Rs. 10 was also passed by the Assembly.

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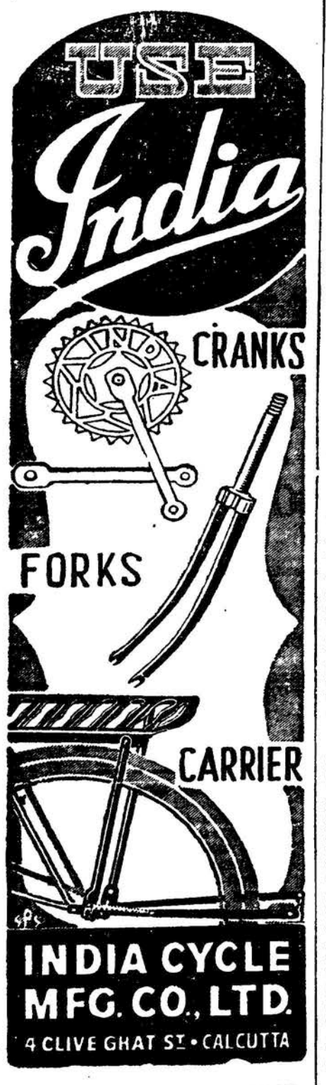

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Prohibition Week At Hubli

BOMBAY'S SACRIFICE COMMENDED

BOMBAY, Friday.

The celebrations of the Prohibition Week at Hubli concluded on April 12 with a public meeting held at the Municipal Hall under the presidentship of Shri C. A. Jahagirdar, Vice-Chancellor of the Karnatak University. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Jahagirdar said that the sacrifices made by the Bombay Government for ushering in the Prohibition era in the State were so great that it would be a sin to withhold co-operation in the slightest degree.

Shri S. R. Kanti, Parliamentary Secretary, who also addressed the meeting, said that every beneficent measure had opponents who wanted to grind their own axe and it was so with Prohibition also. Shri Kanthi explained that the Government had wisely decided to forgo over eight crores of rupees of excise revenue in order to remove the bane of drink from toiling masses. He added that even in America where Prohibition had failed, there were certain restrictions on drink.

Shri T. M. Choudhary, Collector of Dharwar, expressed satisfaction at the public response to the celebrations of the Prohibition Week.

LIQUOR PERMITS FOR OLD AND INFIRM

Medical Examination At Home

BOMBAY, Friday.

In order to facilitate the issuing of permits for the use of foreign liquor on medical grounds to old and infirm persons, the Government of Bombay has directed that applicants for such permits who are over 68 years of age or are physically unable to present themselves for medical examination before the Government Medical Officers should, on production of a medical certificate to that effect from their family doctors, be examined at their residence.

Government Medical Officers have been authorised to charge and retain a fee of Rs. 10 for each such visit to an applicant's residence.

GOOD TEMPLARS BLESS PROHIBITION

BOMBAY, Friday.

Among the many messages received by the Government of Bombay congratulating it on its Prohibition programme and wishing success to the measure is one from the Grand Chief Templar of the Grand Lodge of Mysore and Hyderabad of International Order of Good Templars. In a letter addressed to Shri B. G. Kher, Chief Minister, the Grand Chief Templar writes:

"The Grand Lodge of Mysore and Hyderabad of International Order of Good Templars congratulates you and your Government on the courage and determination with which you have launched the Prohibition Programme in the State, in spite of strong and powerful vested interests trying their best to sabotage the same.

46 DISPUTES SETTLED IN FEBRUARY

BOMBAY, Friday.

Forty-six industrial disputes between employers and workers were amicably settled through the intervention of Conciliators in the Bombay State in February last, 26 of these settlements being under the Bombay Industrial Relations Act, 1946. Settlements could not be arrived at in 57 cases, 24 of these being under the Bombay Industrial Relations Act.

Proceedings in 57 cases were wound up, as in 39 cases the parties did not pursue the matter, in seven cases the parties agreed to reference to arbitration, in nine cases disputes were referred to the Industrial Court by the unions concerned, in one case partial agreement was reached between the parties, while one was not proceeded with, following an objection by the management as regards notice of change, the union agreeing to give a fresh notice.

Of the 193 disputes that came up for conciliation under the Bombay Industrial Relations Act, during the month, 139 were from the cotton textile industry, fourteen from the silk textile, nine from the sugar industry, eight from the transport service, seven each from the textile processing and banking concerns, six from the electricity industry, two from the hosiery textile textile and one from the woollen textile industry.

Seventy-six of these disputes related to questions of pay, allowances and bonus, while proposals for retrenchment were responsible for 96 disputes. Issues relating to leave, hours of work and other miscellanous items accounted for the remaining 21 disputes.

Demands for increased pay, allowances and bonus contributed to 145 out of the 229 disputes dealt with outside the Bombay Industrial Relations Act, while employment, leave, hours of work and other miscellaneous causes contributed to the remaining 84 disputes.

REQUISITION ORDER CHALLENGED

BOMBAY, Friday.

Pragji Purshotttam, one of the trustees of the Raoji Pragji Trustee Building made a petition to Mr. Justice Coyajee praying for a writ of certiorari against the State of Bombay.

The petitioner submitted that some godowns forming part of the Trust property were let to a certain organisation or association as monthly tenants to run a grain shop in the name of Seth Mulji Jetha Market Grain Shop. The Secretary of this association wrote to the Food Controller of Bombay expressing his intention to close the concern. He also wrote to the petitioner that he would deliver the possession of the godowns if the Controller permitted him to close the concern.

On or about February 28, 1950, an order requisitioning the godowns was served upon the petitioner although the tenants had not vacated them. Another order alloting the premises to Kapad Bazar Co-operative Shop was served on March 1, 1950. The result was that the Association had her force to vacate the premises and deliver possession thereof to the allottees who transformed the godowns into a selling shop where customers queued up in large numbers. The petitioner stated that the requisition order was high-handed, arbitrary and wrongful in as much as no vacancy was in fact created. His Lordship issued a rule against the State to show cause why the requisition order be not set aside.

Mr. P. P. Khambatta instructed by Messrs. Gokhle Kale & Co. appeared for the petitioner.

Air-Conditioned Coach On Gujerat Mails

BOMBAY, Friday.

The introduction of an air-conditioned coach on Gujerat Mails between Bombay and Ahmedabad and back, is an innovation which the travelling public must welcome as a facility designed to secure travel free from dust and heat in the scorching weather which is ahead of us in the part of the country covered by the Gujerat Mail.

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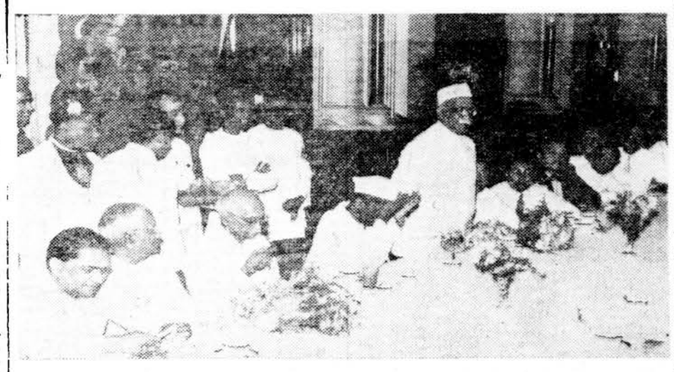

A reception was given to Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya at a tea party at Corporation Hall by the Mayor of Bombay. Photo shows Dr. Sitaram High Commissioner for India in Pakistan addressing the meeting.

INDIA FORGES AHEAD WITH NEW LINE OF THOUGHT

Pattabhi's Tribute To Nation's Leaders

BOMBAY, Friday.

"THE history of India during the past half century, as analysed through the personalities of the four great national leaders, Mahatma Gadndhi, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, showed that politics has been raised to the level of religion, truth has become the tactics and non-violence the strategy of the new age and of our nationalism, forbearance and forgiveness has become the cardinal principles of international relationship. Return of good for evil has become the sole section of our new penal code. We are thus paving the way for the Parliament of man and the federation of the world", observed Dr. Dattabhi Sitaramayya, President of the Indian National Congress, replying to a reception given by the Bombay Municipal Corporation to him after unveiling the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Corporation today.

Dr. Pattabhi added: "India today stands as the coping stone of the arch formed by the Atlantic and the Pacific and on its crest stands our Prime Minister as the cynosure of all eyes, the observed of all observers.

"Ancient tradition says that Brahma had four faces and here you see him embodied in the four forms. We are hardly able to see at what mighty pace we are moving. The progress of centuries is being compassed in a decade and the decades in a year. We are able to set a new example to the world in the art of forbearance and the higher art of overcoming evil with good. This looks unworldly or ultra-modern. Yet, that is the course we are pursuing in our new line of thought."

S. K. PATIL'S PLEA

Shri S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, while receiving the President of the Indian National Congress said that India needed more selfless leaders like Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya.

He also added that the President had shown strong conviction for the ideals which Congress stood for, one of them being prohibition, by coming to Bombay to participate in the Prohibition Week celebrations in spite of his ailing health. Dr. Pattabhi's address was read by Shri Patil, because the President has been advised not to speak at public meeting due to his blood pressure.

Dr. Sita Ram, High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, who has arrived in Bombay today for a few day's private visit was present on the occasion and spoke.

BRITISH ENVOY: Mr. Richard Speaight, at present Head of the Information Policy Department of the British Foreign Office, has been appointed to succeed, Mr. Reginald Bowker as British Ambassador to Burma, it is learnt in New Delhi.

LIVING CONDITIONS OF SCAVENGERS

Committeee's Questionnaire

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Scavenger's Living Conditions Enquiry Committee appointed by the Government of Bombay has issued a questionnaire in order to ascertain public opinion on the subject it has been dealing with.

The Committee is to enquire into the living conditions of scavengers in the State of Bombay and to suggest ways and means to improve their present conditions of work and to fix their minimum wages.

Replies to the questionnaire should reach the Secretary of the Committee, who is also the Assistant Backward Class Officer, Northern Circle, Ahmedabad, by May 1, 1950. Copies of the questionnaire have already been sent to various local bodies, social workers and individuals and those who want them may write to the Secretary of the Committee.

Czech Cultural Festival

BOMBAY, Friday.

Art lovers were treated to a good exhibition of graphic and applied art and photographs at the Czechoslovakia Cultural Festival, which was opened by Rani Maharaj Singh at the Government Law College, today.

There were exquisite samples of glass and china, including folk ceramics, postcards, children's books and toys and textile samples—all bearing testimony to Czechoslovakia's progress in art which in the 19th century was dominated by the dual tendency towards romanticism and realism, till wearying of all its influence, Czechoslovakia artists fell to the allurement of French art.

This exhibition was recently held at Delhi. After a short term in Bombay it will shift to Calcutta in August, its object being to promote and strengthen cultural ties between Czechoslovakia and India.

It is managed by a committee of nine, of which Prof. D. D. Kosambi is the Chairman, and Mr. D. R. D. Wadia, the Secretary. The credit for organizing the present show goes principally to Mr. D. Pokorny of the Czechoslovak Embassy.

Since the signing of the Indo-Pakistan pact on minority safeguards, no Muslim has left Hyderabad State for Pakistan, according to a Secunderabad message. Confidence has once more returned to the minorities who feeling security of life and property are attending to their daily routine as usual.

GREATER BOMBAY WILL BE BORN TODAY

BOMBAY, Friday.

Tomorrow morning at 8-15, His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Raja Maharaj Singh, the Local Self-Government Minister Mr. G. D. Vartak and Mayor S. K. Patil, will formally cross the line that divides Bombay from Greater Bombay, at the Mahim Causeway.

This simple ceremony will have the immediate effect of winding up the several Suburban Municipal Burroughs which will be merged into the Bombay Municipal Corporation. Thus will be born Greater Bombay—a culmination of many years' planning, and the logical result of the recently enacted Bombay Municipal Extension of Limits Act, 1950.

The following are the places that are to form the area of Greater Bombay:—1. The Municipalities of Parle-Andheri, Juhu, Bandra, Kurla and Ghatkopar. 2. The Village Panchavats of Chembur, Bhandup and Versova Beach. 3. The 42 villages forming part of the District Local Board. Bombay Suburban District.

It is proposed to divide these areas into five administrative wards corresponding to the seven administrative wards in the City.

These five wards may have to be further sub-divided into 34 electoral wards. The sub-division into electoral wards is expected to take place within the next six months, for which a draft scheme will be submitted by the Election Department in consultation with the Engineering (Survey) Department, which in turn will have to be approved by the Corporation.

It is proposed to have 18 Councillors for Suburb covering the various wards, and a Ward Officer for each of these five wards, with a Central Office at Bombay to co-ordinate and control their activities.

Extensive developments are to take place so as to bring the suburbs on level with the city—a very commendable project, considering the very backward conditions prevailing there. Top priority is to be given for the construction of an overbridge at the level-crossing leading to Chembur from Sion

Kurla which is almost a slum will come in for vast improvements it is learnt. The industrial colony near Bhandup which is fast developing is expected to yield good revenue

There will be a general improvement of roads. Nothing, in fact, will escape the attention of the authorities to make the suburbs a worthy part of Greater Bombay, it was stated.

The Municipal limits of Bombay thus extended will now have 26 more square miles (bringing the total area to 94 square miles) to look after. Bombay will then extend to Oshivra, near Goregaon, on the B.B. and C.I. and up to Bhandup on the G.I.P. Railway.

The total population involved is estimated to be between 36 and 37 lakhs and the expected additional revenue, 55 lakhs.

MAKE BOMBAY THE PRIDE OF THE EAST

Mayor's Call To Citizens

BOMBAY, Friday. (PTI).

MR. S. K. PATIL, Mayor of Bombay, in a message on the inauguration of Greater Bombay has appealed to the citizens to put their shoulders to the wheel and make this great city "a veritable pride of the East".

"Today", Mr. Patil said, "is indeed a red letter day for the city of Bombay. On this historic occasion, I am feeling the happiness of man whose dreams have at least been realised. I heartily congratulate the Bombay Municipal Corporation and the Government of Bombay and especially Mr. G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government for this great achievement.

"It is a proud day, for all citizens of the Greater Bombay. The citizens of both parts of Greater Bombay were equally eager to welcome one another as brothers and sisters of one and greater city

"The Municipal Corporation of Bombay will be the richer from today because so much of human wealth has been added to it. We were never tired of calling Bombay "Urbs Prima in India", the premier metropolis of India. That title so richly deserved has today acquired a new and real significance. We are today the premier national city in every sense of that expression.

PUT YOUR SHOULDER

"Our constant endeavour should be to make our city truly premier. The only way to do that is by ceaseless and selfless service to its four million citizens. I have a special appeal to make to what was hitherto the suburban population. Let them not feel that by merging in a vast city they would lose their special identity which in many parts was so delightfully attractive.

"The citizens of old Bombay have as much to learn from their new brothers and sisters as the latter from us. This is going to be a joint co-operative partnership for the good of the greater city. Let us put our shoulders to wheel and by diligent and unremitting service make this beautiful city of ours a veritable pride of the East. Let us be humble and invoke blessings of providence for the peace and progress of the Greater Bombay.

Area Under Tobacco

SIMLA, April 14, (PTI): The total area under tobacco at the end of February, 1950 according to first official forecast of tobacco crop in the Punjab was estimated at 5,900 acres as against 5,800 acres and 7,400 acres in the corresponding forecast and the actual areas of last year respectively.

The season was generally favourable and the total outturn now stands estimated at 2,500 tons against 3,100 tons—the actual out turn of last year.

General Feeling In Karachi Good

DR. SITA RAM'S VIEW

BOMBAY, Friday.—Dr. Sita Ram, High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, who arrived in Bombay from Karachi today on a few day's private visit, expressed optimism about the outcome of the minorities pact between India and Pakistan.

He told the United Press of India, that although there were some outstanding differences between India and Pakistan, the agreement reached between Pandit Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan was the first step towards a peaceful solution of the problems confronting the two countries, and if implemented properly would succeed.

"The general feeling in Karachi is very good, and the tone of the Pakistan press there has changed overnight after the announcement of the agreement", he said.

He declined to discuss the question further, as he was a "diplomat", but he added that the relations between the majority and the minority community in Karachi were very cordial at present.

Dr. Sita Ram, who has come to Bombay to see his ailing son, is expected to fly back to Karachi next Monday

BATTERY SET RADIO SEIZED

3 Arrests Near Pakistan Border

BARODA, April 14 (PTI).

Baroda Police yesterday intercepted a motor car proceeding towards Patan near Pakistan border and seized a battery set radio. The three occupants of the car were arrested.

The interception followed the arrest earlier of seven persons with a wire recorder machine proceeding in a truck in the same direction.

The ten arrested persons have been released on bail.

Police investigations were said to have revealed that the wire recorder machines could be used as wireless transmitters.

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ASIAN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS MAY BE HELD IN INDIA

Efforts To Enhance Country's Status In Tennis World

MADRAS, April 14 (P.T.I.).

INDIA will apply for an increased number of votes at the next meeting of the International Lawn Tennis Federation, Mr. J. Chinna Durai, Foreign Secretary, All-India Lawn Tennis Association, told the P.T.I. here today. He said that India might be offered the chance to stage the Asian Championships this year also "in the event of Pakistan not being quite ready".

Mr. Chinna Durai, who is leaving for Colombo tonight 'en route' to England said "the first thing that I want to do for India as soon as I reach England is to see about the enhancement of India's status in the tennis world by applying for an increased number of votes for India at the next meeting of the International Lawn Tennis Federation which is to be held in Switzerland. I have already sounded the leading representatives of European and American nations and so far I have had sympathetic response which, I think, will result in the achievement of my aim".

As regards Asian Championships, Mr. Chinna Durai said the next venue of Championships of Asia is still an open question. I do not think China will be ready for this event for some years. So it is Pakistan's turn to stage this great event. In the event of Pakistan not being quite ready, India, of course, will be offered the chance to stage this event again this year. It will be well if India does have this chance as I have no doubt that experience she gained in running the Asian Championships last year will stand her in excellent stead.

ANOTHER BASEBALL GAME IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Friday—It will be "play ball" again at the Cooperage on Sunday morning when two teams from the American Association of Western India will play an exhibition game.

The teams for the occasion will be the "Married Men" led by Bill McComb and the "Single Men" led by Jack Donovan. All the Association's star players will be in action and Consul General Timberlake is expected to pitch for the married men and John Hlavacek will throw for the single men.

Lee Kammern will again be at the microphone with his commentary so that all those Bombay sports fans who still have not seen a baseball can follow the game with ease.

The game starts at 10-00 a.m. Sunday morning and tickets may be purchased from any member of the American Association or can be obtained at the gate. All tickets are priced at Rs. 1-5-0.

POLICE CONSTABLES TO FIGHT

City Police Boxing Tournament

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Police Tournament to be staged at the Head Police Office Compound tonight promises to provide some entertaining fighting. Apart from the 10 fights in which the Police Constables are pitted against each other, there are half a dozen special contests, featuring well known local Indian Navy and Civilian boxers.

A very interesting fight will be that between A. Fagan of Christ Church School and Trevor Ley of the Cathedral High School, both of whom are promising junior boxers with bright futures in the ring. Stoker Kapper of the Navy meets A. Sequiera, and Havildar Janardan (Police) meets Stoker Todd (Navy).

D. Shete (Siddarth College) clashes with K. Arnold (Rangers) in a welterweight contest, while B. Castellino, a former Nagpur boxer now with the Rangers meets the younger Shete at the featherweight limit.

Two midget juniors from the Cathedral School will meet two sons of serving Policemen in special contests.

The fights will commence at 8-30 p.m. sharp in the open air. Shri M. M. Chudasama, the Commissioner of Police, will preside.

BOUTS:— D. Shete (Siddarth College) 144 lbs v/s Ken Arnold (Rangers) 144 lbs.

Etkr. Todd (Ind. Navy) 130 lbs v/s Hav. Janardan (Police) 125 lbs.

A. Fagan (Christ Church) 127 lbs v/s T. Ley (Cathedral Sch.) 131 lbs

Stkr. Kapper (Ind. Navy) 108 lbs. v/s A. Sequiera (Petits) 108 lbs.

A/B Raj (Ind. Navy) 108 lbs v/s L. Rodrigues (Petits) 108 lbs.

B. Castellino (Rangers) 120 lbs. v/s G. Shete (Police) 120 lbs.

Sam Jadav (Police) 43 lbs. v/s Zahir Santook (Cathedral Sch.) 45 lbs.

Sampat Jagtap (Police) 51 lbs v/s A. Golap (Cathedral School) 52 lbs.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Bombay Gymkhana:

4-20 p.m. Lucky Stars Belgaum vs. Bombay City.

5-40 p.m. G. I. P. vs. Punjab Sports Calcutta, (Aga Khan Cup)

BOXING

Head Police Office:

8-30 p.m. Police tournament.

FOOTBALL

Cooperage:

4-30 p.m. Matunga "A" vs. Karnatak S. C., (Practice).

5-40 p.m. Bombay Amateurs vs. Indian Navy. (Nadkarni Cup).

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel:

3-30 p.m. Block Dynamos vs. Bengal Club "B".

4-40 p.m. Cañacona vs. Assnora Blues.

5-40 p.m. Fatrade vs. St. Stephens, (Junior Harwood League).

G.I.P. HELD TO A DRAW

Gymkhana Lucky In Nadkarni Cup Football

BOMBAY, Friday.

Bombay Gymkhana fought hard to gain a surprise victory over GIP Railway in the Nadkarni Cup Football Tournament at the Cooperage this evening but they had to be content with sharing six goals.

GIP Railway were the first to score early in the initial session through Tambe who deflected a pass from the right outer Kanojia past Bombay Gym's custodian, Chiplin. Shortly afterwards Shiva contributed to the score following a delightful piece of short passing with Tambe and Aziz.

The Railway were not slow to take advantage of this early success added a third goal through Tambe off a pass from Kanojia.

Bombay Gym. who had fought gamely throughout were rewarded with a goal a minute before the call of half time when Bourcier running down the line sent across a capital centre which Smithers converted.

The dawn of the succeeding session saw Bombay Gymkhana fight back vigorously and efforts to equalize were rewarded with luck on their side, Hamilton raced down the line to put across a perfect centre to Bourcier who gave Puthoo under the Railway bar no chance whatever to save.

Soon Hamilton scored but this time he converted a pass from left outer Mullock by heading it past Puthoo. Bombay Gymkhana thus levelled up scoring 3 quick goals.

The teams: BOMBAY GYMKHANA Chiplin, Francis, Boyle, Deslandes, Williamson, Collins, Hamilton, Millican Smithers Bourcier Mullock.

GIP RAILWAY—Puthoo Panna Almeida, J. D'Souza, Gulab Singh, B. Fernandes; Kanojia Aziz. Tambe, Shiva, Bhickoo.

Referee: D. P. Puthran.

ELECTIONS IN TRIESTE

Prelude To Annexation?

TRIESTE, April 14, (PTI-Reuter): A high official of the Military Government of the Yugoslav zone of Trieste declared here that next Sunday's zonal elections, feared by the Italians as the prelude to annexation, "are only an ordinary measure of internal administration and have no other aim".

The official, Dr. Yug Stanko, Chief of the Judicial Affairs Department of the Rugoslav Military Administration, said that correspondents would be free to enter the zone on Sunday, during the elections, and to move about freely.

CHINA-SOVIET UNION AIR SERVICE

PEKING, April 14, (UPI): An airmail service will soon begin between China and the Soviet Union. This is the result of an agreement reached between the Ministrry of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones of the Republic of China and the newly-established Sino-Soviet Civil Aviation Joint Stock Company.

The airmail service opens a new era in the history of the postal service between China and the Soviet Union.

The Ministry of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones has already informed the Ministry of Posts and Tele-Communications of the U.S.S.R. to relay by air all mail carried to the Soviet Union from China by the Sino-Soviet Civil Aviation Joint Stock Company through the domestic airlines of the U.S.S.R.

Sikhs Celebrate Their National Day

LONDON, April 14, (PTI-Reuter): Relays of pious Sikhs yesterday completed the arounds religious task of reading aloud the Sikh scriptures—which takes two days and two nights—at their London temple in celebration of the birth of their nation 251 years ago.

Most of the Sikhs who come to Britain—it is estimated that between two and three thousand are here at present—are pedlars, but two of their wealthier members graced yesterday's celebrations in London—the Maharajah of Kapurthala and the Maharani of Patiala, daughter-in-law of the ruler who founded the Sikh temple in London.

Brigadier Dillon Retiring

NEW DELHI, April 15 (PTI): After thirty-four years of long and distinguished service in the Indian Army, Brigadier F. S. Dillon, O.B.E., M.C., Director of Movement and Quartering, Army Headquarters, is proceeding on leave to the United Kingdom preparatory to retirement. He is being succeeded by Brigadier Kochar M.B.E.

SUCCESS AT FIRST ATTEMPT

Naik's Merry Maharashtrians beat the Fort Vijay Cricket Club in the final of the Purshottam Hindu Cricket Championship Shield very convincingly to win the trophy at their first attempt. The team included many leading cricketers in the country, and above is a group photograph of the team. Sitting from left to right are: M. R. Rege, S. G. Shinde, S. W. Sohoni (Captain), K. Naik, Y. N. Gokhale, and P. R. Dalvi, while standing at the back, from left to right are: M. C. Datar, A. S. Balgi, S. P. Dalvi, S. D. Dhanawade, Barve, V. Y. Ramani and R. R. Chandorkar. In the centre behind the shield is Master S. K. Naik.

Narrow Win For Punjab Police Over Khalsa Blues

M. Y. M. A. ALLAHABAD FIGHT BACK, BUT LOSE

(By Our Hockey Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Friday.

Punjab Police earned a solitary goal win over Khalsa Blues Delhi to earn the right to meet Lusitanians in the quarter final. Tata Sports beat M.Y.M.A. from Allahabad by three goals to one to encounter Hyderabad in their next round.

Punjab Police had some really tough time trying to prevent Delhi from scoring and a draw may have resulted had Punjab's players not played a negative game in the defence. Trilochan Singh and Gurcharan were rather keeping on the wild side.

Punjab Police and Khalsa Blues were engaged in a hard hitting game which teams from up North are noted for. Punjab were of course more often in their opponents half and twice attempted a score, but Sodhi, the Delhi custodian saved with considerable ease and coolness. In the meanwhile, on both occasions umpire Riberso had blown up for sticks.

Balbir should have given the Punjab side the lead when he went close in and was balancing the ball on his blade, but when he flicked to score the ball balooned away over the cross bar.

Udham Singh finding an opening with a pass from the right tested Delhi's custodian, Sodhi but he kicked clear, but the ball was back again and Udham Singh, flashy left inner of the Punjab scooped past the alert Sodhi to give Punjab the lead in the thirteenth minute of the game.

Udham Singh once more had an opportunity to score with only the goalkeeper to beat when he trapped a free hit pass from the right half and steered clear into the circle, but Sodhi affected one more of his cool saves.

Delhi's forwards were rather shy and were never seen in the circle. Two good chances were thrown away due to the fault of their forwards; the first occasion saw the right outer Harish send in a capital centre which had the entire defence beaten and landed in front of goalmouth. Sit Pal, Punjab's custodian moved out to save but it was lucky for him that having failed to collect no attacker was anywhere near the ball to score. Two corners that followed were well taken, but no one was close up to bank the rebound into goal.

Delhi were quite on the offensive in the second period and were doing their utmost to gain a goal. Punjab were seen to be somewhat rough and umpire D'Souza warned Bakshish Singh for deliberately manhandling an opponent.

Delhi worked their way well up into goal area through their right inner Sohan but he passed to Harish who shot from a difficult angle making sticks.

Balbir Singh made two attempts to score. First time Sodhi saved a hot shot, then Balbir was hauled up for sticks. A long corner proved dangerous for Delhi, Balbir stopped the ball and passed to Udham who shot but sticks were made.

Trilochan Singh fouled Sohan badly obstructing him outside the circle when he was well on his way to score. From the free hit the left back fouled Sohan again and a short corner was ordered which though dangerous was saved by Punjab's custodian.

Delhi earned three short corners and one long corner but they failed to take advantage. Three last minute chances were wasted by Delhi in the closing minutes of play.

The following were the teams:

PUNJAB POLICE: Sat Pal; Trilochan Singh, Dharam Singh; Bakhshih Singh, Gurcharan Singh, Dadoo; Ram Swarup; Ilfaq, Balbir Singh, Udham Singh, Kirpal Singh.

KHALSA BLUES, DELHI: Sodhi, Ripon, Suraj; Batra, Gopal, Kapur; Harish, Sohan, Naresh, Kakar, Gurbachan Singh.

UMPIRES: Cyriaco D'Souza and A. V. Ribeiro.

TATAS' PREVAIL

Thanks to an early lead in the first half Tatas managed to prevail over M.Y.M.A. by the odd goal in four. The Allahabad side failed to settle down early and this was the main cause of their downfall. Tata's now meet Hyderabad State in the quarter final.

A word of mention must be made that the two Delhi umpires Tek Singh and Trilok Singh were able to show Bombay Umpires how to supervise a clever and fast game of hockey well.

Tatas were all over their opponents from Allahabad and a goal or must I say, a number of goals was soon imminent. It was when the inner forwards A. Braganza, Joe D'Mello and Lenny D'Souza who made some sporadic raids with a neat piece of triangular passing that the first goal resulted, Joe D'Mello sending the ball in. Three minutes later, in the tenth minute this inner trio got going and this time Lenny D'Souza netted.

But now Allahabad recovered and began to get their feet well set in making some gallant attempts to break through and with Wahidullah their star defender distributing the ball well up. Masihullah dribbled his way into the circle but was penalized for sticks.

Soon Tatas resumed the offensive and M. Khan M.Y.M.A.'s goalkeeper brought off some remarkable saves to keep the score down, but when Tatas found he was safe with the long shots they mercilessly attempted some close ones. Joe D'Mello pushed the ball into goalmouth from the goalline and Lenny banged it in from near the custodians feet.

Towards the last few minutes of the initial half Allahabad made one fine attempt to reduce the margin but Idris after piercing through tried a shot from a difficult angle but the ball went harmlessly to the outside of the boards.

Tatas were on top on resumption and they had only to translate their advantage into goals but Wahidullah was their stumbling block in Allahabad's defence. Allahabad had one chance to score when Idris took the ball dribbling through right to goalline and scooped into goal but Pinto deflected it high and Baker in trying the lofted shot was hauled up for sticks.

But soon Baker made amends when he broke through on his own off a forward stray hit and ran into circle to beat the alert Leo Pinto in the tenth minute of the second half to give his side M.Y.M.A. a fighting chance.

Tatas resolved to increase their lead and Braganza was seen to perform neatly with the blade, but he was tackled by a defender and Coutinho who got hold of it slammed it high up, but unfortunately it hit the crossbar and rebounded into play but harmlessly.

For the remaining period of play Allahabad pressed considerably to save the match and Tatas quite an anxious time trying to prevent their opponents striking the boards. Leo Pinto was called upon to keep an ever vigilant eye.

The following were the teams:

TATA SPORTS: Leo Pinto; Carvalho, Gentle; Perumal, G. Pereira, P. Ferrao; L. Fernandes, J. D'Mello, L. D'Souza, A. Braganza, F. Coutinho.

M.Y.M.A. ALLAHABAD: M. Khan; Wahidullah, Babu Lall; Hakimuddin, A. Majeed, Obaidullah; Moti Lall, Idris, J. Baker, Masihullah, Laiq Ahmad.

Umpires: Tek Singh, and Trilok Singh.

TABLE TENNIS IN SAURASHTRA

The Maharaja of Nawanagar, the Rajpramukh of Saurashtra presided over the finals of the table tennis tournament of the Regional Club of Rajkot held at the former Harvey Club premises, and distributed the prizes. The picture shows H. H. the Rajpramukh with the Prime Minister of Saurashtra Mr. R.U. Parikh. On his right is Shrimati Sharadaben wife of the Home Minister, and on the left is Darbar Saheb of Bilkha. Standing are the contestants in the final of the tournament.

WILSON'S TEN WICKET WIN IN GILES SHIELD

Vaidya Bowls Well In Schools Junior Cricket Tournament

BOMBAY, Friday.

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL continuing their match in Giles Shield Cricket Tournament against Sir J. J. Parsee Benevolent Institute got their opponents out for 99 runs in their First Innings and made them to follow on. In their second venture Sir J. J. P. B. Institute made 152 runs leaving Wilson High School to score 50 runs for an out-right victory, which they scored without loss and thus Wilson High School won by Ten Wickets on the Parsee Gymkhana Ground at the Kennedy Sea-face to-day, and entered the semi-final round.

Resuming their first innings with an over-night score of 64 runs for 5 wickets Sir J. J. P. B. Institute could score only 99 runs in their first knock. A. H. Kabir was the only batsman who faced the bowling courageously and made 33 runs in which he hit two fours. N. J. Siganporia was the other batsman, who entered into double figure — 12 runs.

For Wilson High School S. N. Vaidya bowled very well and captured 5 wickets for 25 runs in 13 overs of which 3 were maidens. S. Y. Samant was the other bowler who took 2 wickets for 11 runs.

Wilson High School who had already won the match on the first innings forced Sir J. J. P. B. Institute to bat again and got them out for 152 runs in their second venture.

For Sir J. J. P. B. Institute A. H. Kabir once again batted nicely and made 40 runs which included 3 hits to the boundary. N. J. Siganporia, H. S. Patel, J. H. Billimoria, and D. S. Velati also batted well and contributed 29, 18, 16 and 11 runs respectively.

V. P. Rane, S. Y. Samant, S. N. Vaidya and A. L. Apte bowled well for Wilson High School in the second innings and captured 3, 3, 2 and 2 wickets for 8, 45, 15 and 22 runs respectively.

Needing 50 runs for a victory Wilson High School opened their innings through V. P. Rane and A. L. Apte. They scored the required runs without being separated and remained not out with 20 and 33 runs respectively. Apte hit 4 fours in his 33. Thus Wilson High School won their tie by 10 wickets and entered the Semi-final round where they meet Seth Anandilal Podar High School.

The scores are as under:—

Wilson High School (1st Innings) 202

Sir J. J. B. Institute (1st Innings): J. H. Billimoria b Vaidya 0; N. R. Mody b Vaidya 8; N. J. Siganporia run out 12; A. H. Kabir b S. Y. Samant 33; H. S. Patel b Vaidya 6; M. B. Patel l.b.w. Vaidya 0; E. D. Kateli c Ambedkar b Vaidya 9; N. E. Amrolia b Bastikar 2; N. H. Karanjia c Tatnis b Apte 5; A. N. Bhesania b S. Y. Samant 8; D. S. Velati not out 4; Extras 12; TOTAL 99.

Fall of wickets: 1 for 0; 2 for 24; 3 for 26; 4 for 36; 5 for 36; 6 for 77; 7 for 80; 8 for 85; 9 for 95 and 10 for 99.

Bowling Analysis: S. N. Vaidya 13-3-25-5; A. R. Bastikar 12-1-38-1; S. W. Welinkar 3-0-4-0; S. S. Ambedkar 1-0-1-0; A. L. Apte 1.2-0-3-1; S. Y. Samant 3-0-11-2; S. D. Amonkar 2-0-5-0.

Sir J. J. P. B. Institute (2nd Innings): M. B. Patel l.b.w. Vaidya 0; N. R. Mody l.b.w. Vaidya 7; N. J. Siganporia c Bastikar b Rane 29; A. H. Kabir c Bastikar b Samant 40; J. H. Billimoria b Rane 16; H. S. Patel c Amonkar b Samant 18; E. D. Kateli l.b.w. Samant 4; D. S. Velati b Apte 11; N. H. Karanjia c Amonkar b Rane 0; N. E. Amrolia b Apte 0; A. N. Bhesania not out 4; Extras 23; TOTAL 152.

Fall of wickets: 1 for 4; 2 for 11; 3 for 82; 4 for 89; 5 for 99; 6 for 133; 7 for 145; 8 for 145; 9 for 145 and 10 for 152.

Bowling Analysis: S. N. Vaidya 8-1-15-2; A. R. Bastikar 5-0-13-0; A. L. Apte 10.2-2-22-2; S. W. Welinkar 4-0-14-0; S. L. Samant 14-2-45-3; V. D. Gupte 3-1-9-0; S. D. Amonkar 1-0-4-0; V. G. Sonalkar 1-0-2-0; V. P. Rane 6-0-8-3.

Wilson High School (2nd Innings): V. P. Rane not out 20; A. L. Apte not out 33; Extras 0; TOTAL 53 (for no loss).

Bowling Analysis: N. H. Karanjia 2-0-18-0; E. D. Kateli 5-0-15-0; A. N. Bhesania 4-1-12-0; N. J. Siganporia 2-0-8-0.

PAK LEAD WITH NARROW MARGIN

Second Test Match Heading For Draw

Ceylon were kept in the field the whole day by the Pakistan batsmen who, playing the accurate attack with the utmost caution, collected a laborious 220 for the loss of six wickets on the second day of the test

Pakistan now has a first innings lead of 58 with four wickets standing.

While the Ceylon fielding left little to be desired, Navaratne behind the stumps was particularly active and gave a fine display. His smart stumping was responsible for the dismissal of Anwar Hussain (56) and Maqsood (51) who appeared well set for a big total.

Dezoysa was the most successful bowler, claiming three wickets for 49 runs.

After lunch play continued on a dull note with the batsmen overcautious against an attack which although accurate lacked variety. Anwar Hussain ws the first to fall when he was smartly stumped by Navaratne shortly after collecting his 50.

Pakistan's skipper Mohammad Saeed did not last long and after having two "lives" gave Dezoysa a return catch.

Maqsood went in trying a big hit off Goonesena, Navaratne stumping him. Asghar Ali and Waqar were together at the close with 28 and 18 respectively.

Dinshaw was run out due to a misunderstanding with Maqsood trying to steal a single he was caught halfway by Dalpathado who whisked off the bails.

Cricket was dull before lunch on the second day of the second test match between Pakistan and Ceylon—82 runs being added to Pakistan's overnight first innings total for the loss of two wickets.

The opening pair were out within an hour with 58 on the scoreboard. Imtiaz was caught behind the wicket off De Soyza while Alimuddin was clean bowled by Dalpathado.

Anwar Hussain and Maqsood Ahmad then became associated and against an accurate attack gradually brought the score up to 100. Coomaraswamy, Wijisinghe, De Soyza, Dalpathado, Kelaart and Goonesena took turns with the ball and maintained an immaculate length. They were supported by smart fielding and the runs were kept down to the minimum. Of the 46 overs bowled this morning seventeen were maidens.

SCORE BOARD

CEYLON (First Innings) 162

PAKISTAN (First Innings)

Imtiaz c Navartne b Desoysa	20
Alimuddin b Dalpathado	26
Anwar Hussain st. Navaratne b Desoysa	56
Maqsood st. Navaratne b Goonasena	51
Saeed c and b Desoysa	8
Dinshaw run out	8
Asgharali not out	28
Waqar not out	18
Extras	5
Total (for six wickets)	220

Fall of wickets: 1 for 42, 2 for 58, 3 for 136, 4 for 148 5 for 172 and 6 for 175.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Coomaraswamy	12	4	29	0
Wijesinghe	33	14	54	0
Desoysa	31	10	49	3
Dalpathado	21	7	37	1
Kelaart	4	2	12	0
Goonasena	19	8	29	1
Rodrigo	2	0	5	0

SUMANT MISRA BEATS GEOFF BROWN

Exhibition Tennis At Calcutta

CALCUTTA, April 14 (PTI).

Sumant Misra (India's number two) defeated Geoff Brown. (Australia's number three) in the men's singles tennis exhibition match on the South Club Lawns today, 8-6, 6-4.

In the doubles Brown and Naresh Kumar (India's no. four) accounted for Dilip Bose, the Asian champion, and Sumant Misra 6-1, 6-3.

Playing before a big crowd, the tall and bespectacled Sumant Misra had to fight hard for his victory. Though the weather was cooler today, both Misra and Brown appeared exhausted after their gruelling contest.

The first set went to fourteen games, but Misra was never seen to relax and made good use of his cannon-ball services and often drove all over the court with rare mastery of the game. The Australian who never underestimated his opponent found Misra difficult to play.

Misra began and his service, beautifully countering Brown's lobbs with perfect passing shots. He scored on extra points. Till four games all, the chances of taking the set were fairly even. Sumant again took the ninth game undeterred by the double-barrelled shots of Brown. In the twelfth game Brown appeared to get over his weaknesses of his backhand strokes and served several aces dropping only one point. But Misra appeared to unnerve the Australian in the last two games excelling in net shots.

The second set which was almost a repetition of the first, was however played at terrific speed. After the eighth game it was anybody's set but in the next two Misra upset Brown with measured cross-court smashes, breaking through Brown's service in the last.

A tired Misra and the indifferent game of Bose could cut the ice against Brown and Naresh Kumar, essentially a doubles player. Brown who served perfectly well gave Misra and Bose no quarter with the able assistance of Naresh who lobbed and smashed as he liked. Misra and Bose were seen to net from easy deliveries.

Junior Harwood Football League

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mahim Young Boys "B" accounted for "Dufferin" in the fourth division of the Junior Harwood Football League at Parel this evening by a solitary goal scored by Shabbe.

Earlier St. Sebastians High School "A" beat St. Andrew's High School by two goals to nil in the fifth division of the same tournament. Felix Vallis and Louis Vaz were the goal getters for the winners.

OLYMPIC ROLL OF HONOUR

WEMBLEY (MIDDLESEX), April 14 (PTI-Reuter).—Lord Burghley, Chairman of the organising committee of the London Olympics, today unveiled the roll of honour of the Olympic champions at a ceremony attended by most of the leading sporting officials and athletes of Britain. The names of all the old medalists appeared on stone plaques inscribed on the wall of the famous granite Wembley stadium. Among those present was Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen, the only competitor whose name appeared three times on the roll of honour.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE NEHRU MINISTRY

Considerable interest attaches to the position of the two Ministers, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and Mr. K. C. Neogy, who had resigned their office on account of differences arising out of the India-Pakistan negotiations and Agreement. Both these gentlemen are from Bengal and their attitude naturally is taken to represent the feeling in West Bengal. In fact, it was reported that the M.P.s from Bengal and Assam have expressed their desire to see these two Ministers retained in the Central Government and had even indicated that it would otherwise be difficult for them to accept the Agreement wholeheartedly. It is true that the West Bengal public has been under greater strain than people in other parts of India and the emotional feeling behind this approach can well be understood. After all, the task of implementing the Agreement rests heavily on West Bengal and, though the Wset Bengal Government has been consulted by the Indian Government at all stages, the resignation of the two Ministers is a factor which must have added to the uneasiness. But, on the other hand, it is grossly unfair to withhold cooperation from the Indian Government because two Bengal Ministers have chosen to resign and it is giving the Nehru Cabinet a bad name to ask that they should be reinstated. Since they have themselves resigned, and presuming that the action was taken after full deliberation, there is nothing that can be done about it. It is a matter for congratulation that they can be easily replaced. No man is indispensible but some men are more hard to do without.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's efforts to persuade the two Ministers to stay, supported though they were by the appeals of Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, have not been successful. In the circumstances, it would be fair neither to the Government nor to the two Ministers to insist on their staying together. And it would be detrimental to the effective implementation of the Agreement which the Government is committed to implement. The resignations are not on any personal issues but on a vital principle. Since we have been told that the Agreement mainly repeats what has been announced several times, it might be permitted us to ask why these two gentlemen were so long in the Cabinet but presumably the happenings in the two Bengals have precipitated matters and forced a crisis. At any rate, at present they desire to dissociate themselves from the Nehru Government and—differences of opinion cannot be patched up. At the present stage, the country needs a united Cabinet. The insistence should be rather on all members of the Government putting themselves solidly and unreservedly behind the Nehru-Liaquat Agreement than on any particular individuals being on it. The resignations, of course, are regretted because they mark a rift at a stage when the nation itself should be solid and because it will encourage dissensions in the country. But this is the more reason for re-forming the Cabinet on a strong homogeneous basis.

Jawaharlal's Protest

Those, who have followed Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's career and activities in this country's struggle for freedom will sympathise with him in his protest against being separated from the people. Jawaharlal was always at home in the very midst of mammoth crowds that gathered anywhere in India to greet and hear him. He revelled in mixing with his people acting as his own volunteer escort. He just could not, and did not, keep himself at a distance from those whom he addressed. And he was happy in pushing around and being pushed around. To him that was the vital essence of his very life as a national leader. Is it any wonder that he should miss that experience with more than a keen nostalgic feeling and even want to go back to that life? But circumstances are different today.

The other day the Prime Minister told his Press Conference how he felt uncomfortable with the security measures taken for his safety and how he had written to the Home Minister requesting relaxation of them. At the New Delhi public meeting on Thursday last he, not unexpectedly reverted to that subject. People were kept at a distance and prevented from coming near him. Nowhere could his isolation have been driven home to him more keenly than in a crowd of the ordinary men and women among whom he has always loved to move. And he protested.

Perhaps the security arrangements for him are "too elaborate", perhaps they bear some modification without risk. But times have changed and it would be the worst of all foolishness not to safeguard Jawaharlal from risks. Suppose something happened that could have been avoided? It is enough to ask the question to prove the absolute necessity of making "security arrangements." And it is to the eternal sorrow of the people that past experience does not completely rule out that possibility. A young man with a hidden pistol assassinated the Father of the Nation himself. It was the result of a conspiracy. But the point is that he was the only man in the particular crowd to wish Gandhiji out of the way. That tragic experienced cannot be ignored. There is too much at stake for any risks to be taken.

Labour Administration

The latest addition to the Central Government's plans of specialised training is the scheme of training in labour administration to be imparted in England. For its implementation, the Government has made arrangements with the Ministry of Labour and National Service of the British Government. The course will cover a short term of six months; and those who will be considered eligible for it will be labour officers of the Union and State Governments and nominees of recognised employers' and workers' organisations. Candidates selected under the scheme, should be both men and women, because nowhere in the world has Labour been an exclusive field of men. Since the proportion of women labour happens to be large in India on account of poverty, well-trained women officers and workers are needed in sufficient strength in order to deal with the problems peculiar to it. While making selections of candidates the Government, it is hoped, will keep an eye on this aspect of Labour. Since the training is to be financed by the Government, selections should be the right type, so that administration of Labour may gain in efficiency in the end.

Experience of the conditions of Labour in India must be counted as one of the qualifications of candidates. It is essential to enable them to make a comparative study of the problem as approached in England and India. Persons, without any previous experience, when posted in the Field of Labour after their return, will more or less be strangers to the realities of the local situation; and this would be a distinct disadvantage to the country. The new scheme, however, limited it be in its scope and duration, should be regarded as a part of the plan of overseas training. Let us hope that the expenditure involved in it is fully justified in the end by the result it is expected to yield. We are constrained to make this observation by the unscrupulous manner in which the scheme of overseas training was handled. According to the statement made by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in Parliament in last February, students who had returned trained from foreign countries did not find employment, and many had specialised in subjects which were not in demand in India. So far as the new scheme is concerned the Government should now make sure that candidates selected for it did not take different subjects. It should not give another occasion to the Government to complain of maladjustment and lack of planning.

Though For The Day

Education in India under the British Government was first ignored, then violently and successfully opposed, then conducted on a system now universally admitted to be erroneous, and finally placed on its present footing.

—A. HOWELL.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

SINGAPORE, April 13, (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red" Dean of Canterbury, said here today that only Russian material and technical assistance to Asia could enable Australia to maintain her "white policy".

Dr. Johnson, who is flying to Australia and New Zealand on a "peace crusade", said that Australia could be saved from being swamped in the Pacific only if "the rest of Asia" adopted a Russian-styled planned economy.

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Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan is reported to have told a correspondent of the "New York Times" that the Commonwealth should issue a collective guarantee of the territorial integrity of Pakistan and India to ease the tension between the two countries.

What Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan should have is a collective guarantee by India and Pakistan of the territorial integrity both i.e. a solemn "No War" declaration.

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Some of the U.P. migrants to Pakistan, explains a Lucknow message, have been made tempting offers of employment by industrial establishments there while "at home they were faced with under-employment and slump in addition to a feeling of insecurity".

The feeling of insecurity is, of course, disappearing.

But why should anyone in India be faced with under-employment and slump?

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Mr. Harold Holt, Australian Immigration Minister, says in a broadcast, that Australia aims to bring in at least 200,000 migrants this year and each years for years to come.

Wonderful. And, of course, you know where they are strictly to come from and who and what they are strictly to be.

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No more highly organised migration scheme, he claims, has been put into operation in the history of man.

He should have overcome false modesty to add ".... by and for the White man".

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Disturbances have broken out in Scrowe the capital of Bechuanaland and, reports PTI-Reuter, a heavy guard escorted cattle and a wagon belonging to a supporter of the former Regent Chief, Tshekedi who was an opponent of Seretse Khama and was exiled in the interests of peace.

When Seretse Khama was simultaneously exiled in the interests of ——sh—sh.

By the way, we flatly refuse to believe that any disturbances took place in Serowe at all. The population is quite satisfied with and happy over the present arrangement under which Tshekedi is OUT because he was a tyrant and Seretse is OUT because he shocked the tribe with—you know what. We accept the authoritative statements of those who are IN and we, therefore, hold that the story of breaches of peace etc., is a myth.

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The East Indonesian rebel leader, Captain Abdul Azis is, according to PTI-Reuter, said to be confident he can, if necessary, muster the majority of 4,000 former Dutch-controlled Indonesian troops in South Celebes.

We are by no means surprised. By no means of means. Not at all.

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

By 'Citizen'

THE MEMBERS of the Socialist Party in the Bombay Corporation have resigned from all the Statutory and Special committees. Thus the long threatened quarrel has at last come into the open.

In the press conference held by the leader of the Municipal section of the Socialist Party, a point was made that the resignations were meant to be a protest against the undemocratic practices of the Congress Party rather than against the number of seats allotted to the Socialists on these Committees. If this be the case, the resolution of the present deadlock should not be difficult. The Mayor has announced more than once on the floor of the House that as far as he is concerned he is not interested in anything more than in bringing the procedure rules of the Corporation on par with those of the legislatures and the Parliament. If care is taken to see that in this revision the rights of any member to place his case before the Corporation are not in any way restricted no section of the house should have any objection.

WORK IN COMMITTEES

As far as the representation on the committees is concerned, the principle of proportional representation would be the only solution of the present impasse. The Congress Party has got sufficient majority to see that the work of the Committees is carried on with dispatch which seems to be their main preoccupation. Again, the opposition members are not so far accused of being unhelpful in these committees. These committees are really expert bodies supervising the work of the Municipal administration and guiding the corporation in arriving at decisions on technical matters before them. The best available talent in the Corporation should be selected for the purpose. The Mayor was so far successful in bringing the two sides together. Let us hope he will be successful once more and the unhappy developments will be the memory of the past.

CONQUEST OF THE SUBURBS!

The Greater Bombay Scheme will come into operation from the 15th of April. A rather interesting ceremony is scheduled to be held on the occasion. His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Sir Maharaj Singh in company with the Minister for Local Self Government, Mr. G. D. Vartak and the Mayor of Bombay Mr. S. K. Patil will proceed towards Bandra via the Mahim causeway. The Bombay Municipal councillors are invited to be present at the ceremony. A meeting is later scheduled to be held at the Bandra Municipal Hall. The whole ceremony smacks of some conquest by the Bombay Municipality of the suburban area. It would have been more appropriate if a meeting of the members of all the Local Bodies concerned was held at some central place and the whole ceremony given the form of an amalgamation rather than that of conquest.

BLIND MUSICIANS

The question of employing blind musicians as music teachers in Municipal Schools has gone to the Commissioner for report. It seems the schools committee had received representation to this effect. But under present service regulations this cannot be done as blindness is considered a disqualification for any post. And if an exception has to be made the Municipal service regulations will have to be amended. The schools committee seems to be in favour of such an amendment to the service regulations. The reasons given for this are two fold. One is the request they have received and the other is their information that the Government Educational Department has issued orders for appointing blind candidates for music teachers' posts, provided they possessed the requisite qualifications. The Socialist Party has opposed this idea of employing blind musicians in the Municipal schools. Their main criticism is that it will be very difficult for these teachers to maintain discipline in the school. A more serious consideration is the effect that such a teacher would have on the mind of the young student. It is probable that the psychological effect would be depressing. Anyway this is a problem for the experts. The Commissioner would be well advised to consult the experts in child psychology as well as in educational matters and take a decision on their advice. It would be also interesting to know the practices followed in other countries. There are schools for blinds in advanced countries and these disabled persons are also taught crafts and are gainfully employed. But whether they are also employed as teachers or not is not known. If the Commissioner prepares a comprehensive report on the subject it will be useful not only to the councillors for aiming at a decision on this delicate subject but will also be of great interest to the general public.

ELECTRIC CREMATORIUM

The Corporation has accepted the donation of Rs. 1 lakh offered by the Lotus Trust for putting up an Electric Cremation in the southern part of the city. The cost of the crematorium is estimated at Rs. 5 lakhs including the amount offered by the Lotus Trust. It is expected that the total number of cremations per day would come to 32 at the rate of 16 per shift of 12 hours. The Commissioner has estimated in his report that the maximum capacity of the crematorium will be 8000 cremations per year. Even if the number be put at 5000 cremations per year it is estimated that the cost of cremations by this method will be about Rs. 14 per cremation against the present rate of Rs. 22-8-0 per cremation by firewood.

There is some difficulty regarding the rate of this crematorium. The Commissioner has recommended the site of the Road Depot at Chandanwadi on the East of the Hindu burning ground. The tenants of Chandanwadi and the surrounding locality are requesting the Commissioner for a long time to grant this plot to them for their recreation. The residents are poor people many of them belonging to the Scheduled Class. Their request therefore has been to shift the crematorium in the site of the Hindu Burning Ground and preserve this plot for the use of the residents' recreation.

The Corporation in their resolution on the subject has kept the question open recommending that the site may either be the Road Depot at Chandanwadi or any other suitable site in the vicinity of the Queens Road Cemetry.

The other question is regarding the use of this crematorium. If it is used by the Hindus alone it is doubtful if the Corporation can spend the proposed rupees 4 lakhs from their funds. If on the other hand the crematorium is to be used by all the Communities it is safe to assume that 5000 cremations will take place every year? Cremations in other communities are rare and many Hindus may not use the crematorium if the dead bodies of other communities are also cremated there. This aspect of the question requires detailed consideration.

B.E.S.T. AFFAIRS

The affairs of the B.E.S.T. Committee occupied a considerable portion of the time of the corporation this week. The minutes of the committee were the main target of the opposition attack. Their complaint was the minutes were too sketchy and they would not follow intelligently the work of the committee by the persual of these minutes. They Mayor interven-

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The Socialist Resignations

BY DAHYABHAI V. PATEL.

Leader of the Municipal Congress Party.

I AM surprised to read the report of the Press interviews of Mr. Mehta and Mr. Donde. The agreement, to which reference has been made, was recorded in my letter of 6th February 1950 and a reply was received by me from Mr. Harris on 8th February 1950 in which he admits that I had summarised fairly for purposes of record points of agreement between us according to which the ratio of 10 to 6 in the Statutory Committee was to be maintained. I had mentioned in my letter that on the B.E.S.T. Committee we would make available one or two seats for members of the Opposition as and when seats became available. I had also explained in my letter that it must be clearly understood that the B.E.S.T. Committee is in the nature of a business organisation and with a view to maintain the sanctity and secrecy of the proceedings I would like to avoid bringing into it persons who are directly connected with Labour Unions. So far as the changes in the procedural rules were concerned. I have mentioned in my letter that we were anxious to bring the Municipal rules in line with the procedural rules of the Central and Provincial Legislatures and Mr. Harris in his reply has categorically stated that any device that would protect the rights and save the time of the House would be accepable to them. In his statement, Mr. Donde states that one-third of the seats of the various Committees should go to the Opposition on the basis of its numerical strength and that the results of the recent elections to the Committees had indicated that the Opposition were not to be given proportionate representation. This is not correct. The ratio of 10 to 6 on Statutory Committees as agreed to in para 1 of my above letter has been maintained. The arrangement regarding the B.E.S.T. Committee has been separately mentioned in para 5 of my said letter and it seems Mr. Donde is mixing up the Statutory Committees with the B.E.S.T. Committee.

B.E.S.T. REPRESENTATION

As regards the B.E.S.T. Committee, even though I would have been justified in requesting Mr. Donde to make the second seat available to the smaller minorities, I did not take such an attitude and even though I had mentioned in my letter of 6th February 1950 that we would be glad to have one or two members I agreed to give him a second seat, if necessary, by my own resignation by the time we reassembled after the vacation. It is, therefore, wrong to say that any assurance given to them has been broken.

PROCEDURAL RULES

So far as the procedural rules are concerned, nothing new has been suggested or proposed or done after the agreement was entered into and recorded in my letter of 6th February, 1950. On the contrary, since Mr. Harris had agreed to bring them on par with the procedural rules of the Legislatures, I have been requesting the Opposition to come and meet me so as to arrive at a reasonable settlement on the question of procedural rules and all these questions have since then remained pending at the request of Mr. Donde. There is, therefore, no breach of the understanding at all. May I remind Mr. Donde and Mr. Mehta that we were obliged to think of revising the rules because we were threatened on the floor of the House that, unless the demands of the Opposition were acceded to, they would not allow us to function in a business-like manner in the Corporation, and this threat was in fact put into practice? The Municipal Commissioner's request for urgencies were denied, unnecessary polls were repeatedly asked, debates were unnecessarily lengthened and on many occasions even the Mayor had to appeal to the members of the Opposition to co-operate and help him to conduct the business of the House. Is not resigning from Committees in this manner by itself not a failure in discharging one's duties to the electorate? While on the one hand these friends say that they did not wish to create obstruction in carrying the work of the Municipal Administration, on the other hand they try to justify their resignations. Are not these resignations going to be followed up by obstructionist tactics that were practised on the floor of the House before the understanding was arrived at? Members of the Opposition were given representation on different Committees with a view to save the time of the House, as things which could be discussed threadbare in Committees would take very little time of the House when they came up in the form of resolutions.

REGRETTABLE

It is regrettable that the Socialist Party should have thought it fit to break the agreement arrived at on the question of having a seat more on the B.E.S.T. Committee now or within the next two months and for that purpose to take a unilateral action by calling upon 32 members of the Party to send in their resignations without even waiting to exchange a word or write or acknowledge the letter that was addressed to their Leader.

His Worship the Mayor was kind enough to devote considerable time to bring about an agreement and it pains me considerably that all his efforts have been set at naught for no reason whatsoever. Surely, as agreed, his services and intervention could have been again availed of.

We hope that the citizens of Bombay will realise that there has been no breach of the agreement by the Congress Party.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

It is not true that a prophet is not honoured in his own land. Only recognition comes a bit late, as it has done to Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, who is 58 years old today. Though it is halting and slow and not widespread enough, we are glad that it has come at last. Dr. Ambedkar will go down in Indian history as a doughty fighter, who triumphed over great odds and prejudices and won the full confidence of the country in his abilities and patriotism. Born at the bottom-rung of the caste ladder, he had to face apathy, scorn and insult. But he triumphed over all that with his bright intellect and vast learning. The Maharajas of Baroda and Kolhapur were quick to recognise merit in this man and with their financial aid and his cleverness he secured coveted English, American and German degrees. He was a brilliant professor and a leading barrister. But his learning and brilliance in profession failed to get him nearer to his fellowmen, on the higher rung of the caste ladder, who always kept aloof from him. It is no wonder that it embittered his outlook and his tongue became barbed. With justification he launched a tirade against high caste Hindus and the Congress on their treatment of untouchables. The Scheduled Castes, whose cause he has espoused with singleminded devotion, owe to him their place on the political map of India. Before his coming on the horizon the problem of untouchables was being tackled on the social reform level. He realised that untouchability would not be abolished by mere admission of Harijans to temples or by inter-dining by men of different castes. He took up the question of basic rights of Harijans to a fighting level.

Broader Outlook

As a representative of the Harijans he oftn came in conflict with Mahatma Gandhi and seldom yielded to him. One such rare occasion was the Poona Pact which he signed to save Gandhiji from his "fast unto death". Though he has regretted the signing of the pact which he felt would work against the interests of the Scheduled Castes for a long time, he will be the first man to admit today that the pact has paid dividends with compound interest. When Dr Ambedkar entered the Constituent Assembly, he himself has said, that he did so to safeguard the interests of his Scheduled Castes. But with the coming of freedom he was overwhelmed with gratitude to find that the leaders of the nation had recognised his innate patriotism and showed their confidence in him by making him the chief architect of India's republican constitution and had asked him to pilot the amended Hindu Code Bill through Parliament. It reflects great credit on him that he has done it without any caste prejudice or superiority complex to the satisfaction of the majority of the House. By banishing untouchability legally, he has achieved his life's ambition and has given equal status and rights to the down-trodden with the rest of the citizens in India. This should mellow some of the contrary fighting spirit for which Dr. Ambedkar has been known all his life. It may prove a turning-point in his life and we hope that instead of struggling against the national current he would use his energy in future to direct it towards consolidating democracy in this land of ours.

Greater Bombay

The inauguration of the Greater Bombay Scheme today at last sees the completion of a long cherished plan. There has been a large promise of improvement by those who have worked on the project and much more than has been promised will have to be done, if the addition of the suburban areas is not to drag both Bombay and the suburbs down. So far as the work of the BEST Undertaking goes, it is heartening to record that the extension has so far been mutually beneficial, the service having improved both in the city and in the suburbs. But that improvement is due largely to the addition of new buses. In other directions, there will naturally be slower achievement. But it might well be made an occasion for greater concentration on civic problems and less wrangling on political differences. Suburban municipalities have, on the whole, been pockets of inefficiency and, though there was more interest shown in local questions and, till recently, very little political feeling, ridden with cliques and intreagues. The political parties which started last year to carry their differences into the suburban elections, were right in complaining about the apathy of the suburbanite to politics. But we hope that as suburban representatives enter the Bombay Corporation, they will broaden their interest in civic questions without entangling themselves with the quarrels of the political corporators. We are aware that already politicians have made inroads into suburban municipal life but nevertheless there are large sections which cannot simply be dragged into politics and, whatever party they belong to, they will be able to adopt a broader outlook. In other words, the suburban mind at its best has a definite contribution to make to civic life.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Bombay Radio Programmes

The variety of criticisms and comments that have been appearing in the press seem to have bestirred the AIR authorities and nowadays the Bombay Radio is endeavouring to cater to a variety of sections of the listening clientele. There have been persistent demands to broadcast Karnatic music since a long while and in this context the many Karnatic music programmes scheduled and broadcast this week by the Bombay Station entitles them to the praise justly due to them from all votaries or Karnatic music

—S. K. SWAMY.

Bhandup And Bombay

15th April, 1950, is expected to usher in a new era in Bhandup, as it is to be included in the Greater Bombay. Electrification of Bhandup village claims the attention of the authorities. As there are only two public taps and one, a gift by a philanthropic refugee, more taps will have to be installed if the labourers and industrial workkers are to get filtered water to drink. As the poor landlords have already used the maximum available space to exploit the housing scarcity in the city, public latrines and lavotories will have to be immediately constructed, if the health of the public is to be safeguarded. All the landlords, who have accepted tenants on their lands, should be instructed to remove the cattle owned by them to a distant place and if necesary they may be helped to form a co-operative society for the cattle. A Government Grain shop should be opened so that the poor classes can get the sweet potatoes at cheaper rates and pohas who wish to purchase that luxury

—L. D. BIXET.

Sugar Muddle

The common wan does not want 'Post Mortem' on the sugar muddle which the Government are considering to stage very soon as stated on the floor of the Parliament by the Food Minister. What he (the Common man) wants is enough supply of sugar for his daily requirements and at reasonable price. This can be easily achieved if the Government take prompt action by way of decontrolling sugar and permitting the import of Foreign Sugar. Since September 1949 the urban areas are miserly fed by quasi-rationing of 1¼ to 1½ lbs. per week per head, while the city people who are not so vocal are left to their fate and they have to feed themselves with Gur or Gur powder or adulterated sugar, much to the detriment of their general health. Since December 1949 every time a M.P. asks question on sugar in the Parliament the same prototype reply 'under consideration' is being heard from the Food Minister. The present handling of sugar question in such a delaying manner is far from cerditable to our National Government.

—I. T. PAREKH.

"Janata Express"

The authorities of the BB & CI Railway deserve congratulations for their scheme of Janata Express meant for Class III passengers only. But had they been less conservative and obstinate in action and more alive to the need of time and wishes of Janata at large, they would not have shown waste paper basket to petition signed by several thousands of people requesting them that the Janata Express should halt at Boisar. For Boisar is a convenient railway station for 43 villoges and 2 towns with a daily traffic turnover of nearly one thousand passengers. It is really a pity that at such a big railway station, only three trains in 24 hours should halt compelling hundreds of people to make the risky journey by standing on the foot-boards of an immensely crowded train at the most awkward hour of mid-night while the Janata Express should run half empty. It will be extremely convenient for hundreds of passengers if the Janata Express halts at Boisar, if not daily, at least on week ends. As it is a matter of only 2-1|2 hours journey from Bombay, the long distance travellers will not be much inconvenienced thereby.

— K. B. BOYASARKAR.

Dock Permits

The Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust in a Press Interview is reported to have said that he has received no complaints so far against the system recently adopted by the Port Trust to issue permits for entry to the Docks. I wonder whether he is aware of the great hardship and inconvenience caused to a large number of persons who go to the docks to give a send off to their families, relations, etc., on the steamers along the Mangalore Lines. The intending visitors have to wait for hours together in long queues and in the scorching sun and by the time they receive the necessary permits for an entry into the Docks their families, relations, etc., are almost left entirely at the mercy of the Customs Officers and the Labour Staff of the Steamship Company concerned. As a result, women folk and aged infirm persons have to undergo untold miseries for want o fany help from those who have come to see them off. Not only the adults but even children of tender age have to obtain these permits. It may be noted that these passes are in addition to the passes issued by the Steamship Company for entry on board the steamers. I hope that in the interests of a large number of passengers the Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust will take necessary action in the matter and see that the hardship and inconvenience is immediately removed.

—A. P. MAGE.

Pakistan Wants All Its Frontiers Guaranteed

LIAQUAT'S PRESSURE ON U. K.

LONDON, April 14 (PTI-Reuter)

DISCUSSIONS have taken place between the Pakistan and the United Kingdom Governments for a joint Commonwealth declaration guaranteeing the present frontiers of Pakistan, it was learnt here today from usually reliable quarters.

In a recent interview to an American correspondent in Karachi, Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan said that he had proposed to the United Kingdom even last year for such a collective guarantee, but without any positive result.

Reliable sources told the Press Trust of India today that coupled with the recently offered 'no war' declaration by Pandit Nehru, such a collective declaration would go a long way to appease fear of territorial aggression against the newly emerged state of Pakistan, not so much from India herself as from other foreign powers.

Recently Pakistan has again taken up this question through diplomatic channels. It is understood that Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan strongly feels that such a guarantee, with the implied assurance that any transgression of Pakistan frontiers from any side would automatically become an act of aggression against the Commonwealth as a whole, would go a long way to help Pakistan to reduce military expenditure to more reasonable proportions for internal defence purposes.

RENEWED

The suggestions have in recent weeks been again renewed in view of the fact that the Kashmir dispute is now showing signs of moving along smooth peaceful lines. Apart from Kashmir, Pakistan has also to cast an eye over the shoulder constantly at the Durand Line and the Frontier regions where Afghanistan has staked a claim, renewing it by propaganda at frequent intervals.

A final quietus given to the Afghan claims by proclaiming the inviolability of the Durand Line, the Pakistan Government feels, would remove one serious problem of internal defence.

Diplomatic sources here saw in the resumption of these negotiations at the present time a strategic move on the part of the Pakistan Prime Minister to make the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth countries interested in the stability of South Asia to come out with firmer ideas on mutual defence among the members before Pakistan commits herself further in any Commonwealth plans for "containing" Communism in that part of the world.

These sources felt that the good understanding established between Pakistan and India has strengthened the hands of Mr. Khan in his negotiations. Further, with the Moscow invitation to him to make a state visit to Russia still open but undated, Mr. Khan would like to know definitely how far the United Kingdom and ultimately the United States of America would be prepared to take firm responsibilities in asking the South Asian countries to take sides in "the cold war."

NO COMMENT

The Commonwealth Relations Department here declined today to comment on the progress of these negotiations. But reliable sources close to the British Government said that the Government is giving the closest consideration to Mr. Khan's expressed views.

These sources, however, pointed out that the British Government would not hastily formulate a definite line of policy on this matter.

Firstly, they explained, the United Kingdom was only one member of the Commonwealth and the other members would have each an independent say in the matter of a collective guarantee of the kind suggested.

Secondly, so far as the British Government was concerned, the inviolability of Pakistan frontiers which Britain was directly responsible for laying down, was implicit in the Commonwealth arrangements.

Thirdly, being a member of the United Nations organisation, Pakistan had nothing further to gain by such a restricted guarantee.

Lastly, the British Government could not fully define its attitude to such a proposition until the Kashmir dispute was finally settled between India and Pakistan.

Diplomatic sources said that on one point, however, Mr. Khan's suggestions have found very favourable reception by the British Government, namely the Durand Line. They pointed out that the British Government has at various times categorically stated that this line demarcates Afghanistan's eastern frontier as far as it is concerned.

According to information available here, Mr. Khan is expected to arrive here on April 29 on his way to the United States of America. He will stay here for three days and leave, possibly in President Truman's special aircraft on May 2.

It is expected that Mr. Khan will pursue his suggestions with the British Government during his stay in London.

Stop Press

ABDUL BARI WINS

LONDON, April 14 (PTI-Reuter)—Abdul Bari of India today won his quarter-final match in the British Open Squash Rackets championship at the Lansdowne Club here, beating W. McLaggan of Edinburgh 9-2, 9-1, 9-1.

MOOR PARK MATCH

LONDON, April 14 (PTI-Reuter)—Raj Kumar Pitamber, an Indian prince, gained the Hazards Golfing Society's onl singles win in their match at Moor Park (Hertfordshire) today against a team of a boy golfers, who beat them by eleven matches to two, with two halved.

ISTANBUL ARRESTS

ISTANBUL, April 14 (PTI-Reuter)—Turkish police arrested one hundred people after students seized the coffin of former Chief of Staff Marshal Fevzi Chakmak at his funeral on Wednesday, it was announced today.

DEAD END KIDS, & WHY

Governor's Diagnosis

MADRAS, April 14, (PTI): The Maharaja of Bhavnagar, Governor of Madras, said here this evening that it was "the lack of proper surroundings the lack of proper homes, the lack of education and the consequent association with bad characters" that led children to delinquent homes.

He was speaking on the occasion of the annual day celebrations of the Bala Mandir (foundling hospital) at Thyagarajanagar.

The Governor said: "I have always felt that we should pay more attention to the preventive side of our work, that our real aim should be to prevent those conditions which lead our destitute children to crime, that we should not wait till they are brought to our attention through courts or the police and then start ways of reclaiming them.

30 Pilgrims Died, 26 Of Them Women

HARDWAR, April 14, (PTI): According to official information, thirty persons were crushed to death yesterday at the Kumbh Mela here in a stampede near Har-ki-Pauri.

Early yesterday morning, the police had barricaded the streets and enforced one-way traffic, but the surging crowds nearing the main bathing ghat broke the barriers and in the impact thirty were crushed to death.

Of them, 26 were women of fifty to sixty years of age.

FINAL SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINE

Arabs Say They Are Ready

CAIRO, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Salah el Din Bey announced today that "Arab Governments are prepared to discuss final settlement of the Palestine question provided Israel complies with the United Nations resolution of December 1948 on Arab refugees."

He said he was replying on behalf all seven Arab nations to the United Nations Palestine Commission's proposal for joint talk with Israel.

Girasdar-Tenant Accord

RAJKOT, April 14 (PTI)—Mr. G.B. Kotak, Finance Minister of Saurashtra, stated today that the State Government was trying to "reconcile the conflicting viewpoints of the Girasdars and tenants".

"If these views can be reconciled", he said, "the necessity of payment of any compensation would be no longer and the difference between Zamindari and Khalso areas would also be extinguished. This is proposed to be achieved by giving land for personal cultivation and some increased assessment by Girasdars."

Aviation Frequency

NEW DELHI, April 14 (PTI): A meeting of the International Civil Aviation organisation frequency assignment planning committee will be held here from April 18 at the Council of State chamber and is expected to last for about three weeks. Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai is expected to inaugurate the conference.

Dr. Prasad To Be Patron Of Girl Guides

NEW DELHI, April 14 (PTI): President Rajendra Prasad has consented to be the patron of the All India Girl Guides Association, the State Commissioner of the Association Mrs. D. L. Mazumdar, announced today.

Refugees From Famine

7 MILLION IN HONAN

HONG KONG, April 14 (PTI-Reuter)—The pro-Communist vernacular Hong Kong newspaper 'Takungpao' said today that there were nearly seven million refugees from famine in Honan Province, or nearly one quarter of the Province's population.

In a special despatch from Honan, the paper said floods had caused the worst havoc but added that other causes of the famine in order of importance, were insect pests, drought windstorms, hail and 'bandit activities".

The despatch added that 300,000 people needed immediate relief or they would starve.

Official Communist despatches from Peking yesterday admitted that there were ten million famine refugees in the Central and South China administrative region alone.

The Nationalist-controlled Central News Agency said last night that delegates to Chiang Kai-shek's "National Assembly" had wired the United States Congress urging "immediate action to arouse America to avert one of the greatest famines ever to face the Chinese nation."

INDO-AFGHAN TRADE TREATY SIGNED

NEW DELHI, April 14.

An Indo-Afghan treaty of the trade and commerce was signed at Kabul on April 4 by H. E. Wing-Commander Rup Chand, Ambassador of India in Afghanistan, on behalf of the Government of India, and H. E. Abdul Majid Khan, Minister of National Economy, on behalf of the Government of Afghanistan.

Proposals for a treaty of trade and commerce with Afghanistan were examined and the draft of such a treaty was drawn up when an Afghan trade delegation visited this country early last year for the purpose of trade talks.

The treaty, when ratified, will come into force two months after the date of exchange of instruments of ratification by the two Governments, and will remain in force for a period of three years.

The treaty mainly provides for most favoured nation treatment to the nationals of both countries in matters relating among other things to commerce, industry and trade insurance.

President Visits D. P. Training Centre

NEW DELHI, April 14 (UPI): The President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, this morning paid a visit to the Arab-ki-Sarai training-cum-work centre where displaced persons are receiving training in the working of Japanese cottage industry machines under Japanese technicians.

The President spent about 45 minutes going round the various departments of the centre and evinced particular interest in sections dealing with toys, braids, shoe laces and oil extraction.

The President was accompanied by the Rehabilitation Minister, Mr. Mohanlal Saksena and the Rehabilitation Adviser Mr. Mehr Chand Khanna.

Day Of A New Life

NEW DELHI, April 14, (PTI): "Nabavarsha" and "Janmotsava" of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore was celebrated today by the inmates of Santiniketan with due ceremony. There was a special morning service in the mandir at 6-30 a.m.

Pandit Kishitimohan Sen explained the message of the day which, according to him, was the message of a new life and universal humanity. In the 'Amrakunja' where the 'Janmotsava' function was held, it was presided over by Shri Charu Chandra Bhattacharjee.

News BRIEFS

MALNAD AREA: The Madras Government have constituted a committee to investigate the problems relating to the development of Malnad areas in the South Kanara District and suggest measures to that end.

BIRTHDAY: The 59th birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Law Minister, Government of India was celebrated on Friday at his residence when a large number of his followers including Scheduled Caste members of Parliament visited him at his residence and paid respect to their leader. A guard or honour was presented to him by the volunteers of he Samata Sainik Dal of Delhi.

PASSPORTS:—The President of the Republic of India has delegated to the Rajpramukh of Mysore the function of issuing passports to Indian nationals and India-protected persons resident in the State. The Rajpramukh has redelegated this power to the Chief Secretary.

RELEASED: President of the Pakistan Government Clerk's Association, Mr. M. A. Alvi, who was arrested under the Public Safety Act on February 23, was released unconditionally in Karachi on Thursday.

THEFT: A red carpet of Italian design is reported to have been stolen from the Governor-General's Estate Mosque, on Wednesday, says a Karachi message. The carpet was used by the Governor-General for offering prayers.

NAVAL ACCOUNTS CHIEF: Shri V. N. Sukul, Junior Controller of Military Accounts (Pension) Allahabad is under order of transfer to Bombay as Controller of Naval Accounts, it is learnt. Shri Sukul will join his new post shortly

ANTI-ATOMIC LAWYERS

BUDAPEST, April 14 (PTI-Reuter). Left-wing former Member of Parliament D. N. Pritt, King's Counsel, declared here today that the International Association of Democratic Lawyers would call for the outlawing of atomic weapons.

He said the Association would urge increased activity of lawyers all over the world in defence of peace and in condemnation of "the increasing violation of international law and convention and the liberty of the individual by imperialist countries, and particularly the United States of America."

CUSTOMS ACT ON INDO-PAK PACT

Instructions To Collectors

NEW DELHI, April 14 (UPI).

The Central Board of Revenue (Ministry of Finance), Government of India, has promptly acted upon those terms of the Nehru-Liaquat Ali Agreement that fall within its scope it is learnt.

Instructions have been issued to the Collector of Customs, Calcutta, the Collector of Land Customs and Central Excise, Calcutta, and the Collector of Central Excise and Land Customs, Shillong, immediately to implement the terms of the agreement in regard to the granting of all facilities permitting migrants to East Pakistan (by land, sea or air) to take with them movable personal effect and household goods, including personal jewellery. It has also been stipulated that harassment or delay of any kind in the examination of migrants must be avoided.

The Government's instructions lay down that the terms of the agreement should be fully implemented, both in letter and spirit.

CHITTAGONG MAIL LOOTED

CALCUTTA, April 14 (UPI).

The down Chittagong Mail was looted by a gang of miscreants last night at Darsana, the last railway station in Eastern Pakistan, according to reports received here.

It is stated when the train reached Darsana, the miscreants suddenly boarded the train and put out the lights. Ornaments, cash and other valuables were snatched away from the passengers. The raiders escaped under the cover of darkness before any action could be taken against them.

Pakistan C. A. Adjourns

KARACHI, April 14 (PTI-Reuter).

The Pakistan Constituent Assembly today adjourned sine die after passing two bills further to amend the Government of India Act 1935.

The first bill provided for increase in the representation of Muslims in in the representation of Muslims in the Sind Legislative Assembly by seven refugee members. The other provided for the merger of the tribal areas adjoining the district Dera Ghazi Khan with West Punjab.

Sales Tax Comes To Hyderabad

HYDERABAD, April 14, (PTI): A General Sales Tax Act published in Hyderabad Government Gazette requires all dealers whose annual turnover is Rs. 7,500 and above to pay tax at the rate of two pies in the rupee at every point of sale except on the sale of certain exempted articles that have been specified in a schedule to the Act. The schedule which contains a list of 37 articles also includes foodgrains, cotton, ghee and other edible oils, matches, kerosene, paper and newsprint, as these articles are essential for the life of the community.

In addition to this tax, dealers in luxury articles have to pay an additional tax of six pies in the rupee on the first sale of luxury articles as specified in another schedule to the Act.

Rejection Of Licence Application

NEW DELHI, April 14.

It has been decided that it will not be possible to entertain further correspondence in the office of the Chief Controller of Imports appealing against the rejection of applications for licences made in accordance with the OGL, XI and OGL. XV concessional schemes. Any correspondence of the above nature received in the Chief Controller's office after the 15th April 1950 will not therefore be taken into consideration and no replies will be sent to such correspondence.

Every effort, however, will be made to dispose expeditious of appeals made in OGL. concessional cases which have reached the Chief Controller's office on or before that date, says a Press Note issued by the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports.

Taximen Give For Relief

CALCUTTA, April 14 (PTI)—The Governor of West Bengal, Dr. K. N. Katju, said here today that in order to effect the implementation of the Indo-Pakistan agreement, perfect peace should be maintained in the country.

Dr. Katju was speaking at a meeting of the Calcutta Taxi Association which presented His Excellency with Rs. 5,000 for the relief of the East Bengal refugees.

New Cabinet For Greece

ATHENS, April 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): General Nicholas Plastyras, "strong man" of Greek politics, today agreed to try to form a new Government.

King Paul called him in after 56-year-old Liberal Premier M. Sophocles Venizelos handed in the resignation of his three weeks old Cabinet. The United States Ambassador here recently called for a stable government to make the best use of American aid.

RECASTING BOMBAY UNIVERSITY

12-Member Committee

BOMBAY, Friday

A twelve-member committee under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay has been appointed by the Government of Bombay to report on the question of reorganisation of the University of Bombay so that it can effectively play its altered role consequent on the emergence of the various regional universities in the State.

The committee has been requested to submit its report in about two months' time and, in order to save the time, also a draft of the Bombay University (Amendment) Bill on the basis of its recommendations.

The committee includes Mr H. V. Divatia, Vice-Chancellor of the Gujarat University, and Dr. D. D. Karve, Principal, Fergusson College, Poona.

Madhya Pradesh Literacy Drive

NAGPUR, April 14 (PTI)—Four hundred and ninety summer camps under the State Government's Social Education Drive will be inaugurated on May 1, 1950, it was officially learnt today. Ordinarily, each tehsil will have four or five selected places where the camps will be opened.

The Government is enlisting the services of volunteers and the co-operation of district officials, Janapada Sabhas, M.L.As. and other non-official bodies in making the campaign a success.

Since the scheme was initiated in 1948, it is reported, over nine lakhs of illiterate men and women have been enrolled and about four lakhs have been qualified to hold Adult Education certificates.

Irrigation Conference

AHMEDABAD, April 14 (PTI)—Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Minister for Public Works, Bombay called a conference today of the representatives of Gujerat to explain the scheme of starting minor irrigation works out of the loan of rupees one crore granted by the Government of India. The conference decided to appoint district committees to prepare minor irrigation schemes for execution as far as possible before the monsoon.

Petrol Can Explodes: 16 Persons Killed

TOKYO, April 14 (PTI-Reuter).

An exploding can of petrol aboard a crowded bus today killed 16 passengers and injured 23 others outside an American army camp south-west of Yokohama.

The petrol exploded when a passenger lighted a cigarette next to the can, brought into the bus by another passenger. A disastrous fire at Atami seaside resort last night was caused by a cigarette end dropped among petrol drums, it was confirmed today. The blaze caused damage estimated at £4,000,000. Eight people were still missing today and 217 had been treated for burns.

Civil Liberties Council

PATNA, April 14 (UPI): Mr. K. G. Sivaswamy, Vice-President of the Indian Civil Liberties Council, arrived here from Madras yesterday to attend the second session of the All-India Civil Liberties Council to be held here on April 15 and 16.

Mr. N. M. Joshi, Vice-President, Mr. S. G. Vaze, General Secretary, and Dr. R. G. Kakade, Assistant Secretary of the Council have arrived from Bombay this morning.

Nanda Meets Bombay Officials

BOMBAY, Friday: Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, met the officials of the Bombay Government at the Secretariat today, and discussed with them the problems relating to economic development and planning of the country in relation to the State of Bombay.

Change In Assam Cabinet Portfolios

SHILLONG, April 14 (PTI): Mr. Omeo Kumar Das, Food and Agriculture Minister of Assam, is soon taking up the Relief and Rehabilitation portfolio, it is learnt. The Food and Agriculture portfolios will be distributed among other members of the Cabinet.

This step has been taken to expedite the work of relief and rehabilitation of refugees in the State.

Mr. K. Balchandran, I.C.S., has been appointed whole-time Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner of the State.

Collective Fine In Jharia

PATNA, April 14, (UPI): The Governor of Bihar has imposed a collective fine of Rs. 5,000 on 47 persons, residing in the area of Kapranati Mohalla, of Jharia, says a notification in the Bihar Government Gazette Extraordinary.

Tea Exports Increase

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 14: Exports of tea from Calcutta from April 1, 1949 to March 25, 1950 amounted to 368.89 million lbs. as compared with 363.17 million lbs. for the same period a year ago. The offtake by the U.K. dropped from 259.67 million lbs. to 230.79 million lbs. Exports to foreign countries other than the U.K. improved from 103.48 million lbs. to 138.09 million lbs Shipments to the U.S.A. improved from 15.55 million lbs. to 29.91 million lbs during this period and those to Canada from 8.28 million lbs. to 19.76 million lbs. Australia increased her imports from 2.49 million lbs. to 10.0 million lbs. Sendings to the Persian Gulf were also higher at 19.87 million lbs. as against 17.60 million lbs in the previous season.

There was a marked increase of despatches to the Red Sea ports, improving from 2.57 million lbs. to 7.56 million lbs. Epxorts to Egypt recorded an impressive rice from 580.866 lbs. to 8.64 million lbs.

Among the countries which reduced their intake of Indian appreciably, mention may be made of the U.S.S.R., Eire and Pakistan. Exports to the U.S.S.R. dropped from 14.14 million lbs. to 9.67 million lbs. to Eire from 21.52 million lbs to 11.13 million lbs. and to Pakistan from 11.39 million lbs., to 276.510 lbs. The average export price of tea worked to Rs. 1-15-3 per lb. as compared with Rs. 1-10-4 last season.

3,000 More Arrive

CALCUTTA, April 14 (UPI)—About 3,000 refugees from East Pakistan arrived at the Sealdah station by through trains today. Most of the refugees, it was stated, are now arriving from North Bengal.

There were seven cases of cholera, two cases of small-pox and ten of chicken-pox among the refugees in the station platform and its vicinity. The patients were promptly removed to Campbell Hospital by ambulance.

Another Term For Azzam Pasha

CAIRO, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): The seven-nation Arab League Council last night unanimously approved the appointment of Abdel Rahman Azzam Pasha as Secretary-General of the League for another term of two years.

New City Line Ship

LIVERPOOL, April 14, (PTI-Reuter): Loaded with goods varying from pins to motor cars, the new 7,000-ton City Line cargo ship "City of Birkenhead" left the Mersey tonight on her maiden voyage to the Middle East and Calcutta.

Falls From Giant Wheel, Girl Dies

NEW DELHI, April 14, (PTI): One girl died and another sustained injuries when they fell from the giant wheel at the amusement park of the Industrial Manufacturers Exhibition in New Delhi this evening. The injured girl was removed to the hospital in an unconscious state.

QUARTERS FOR M.P.s

Delhi Scheme Accepted

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 14: The Government of India has accepted, in principle, the construction of residential accommodation in New Delhi for 250 Members of Parliament. Two proposals are in the field. Under the scheme there will be one hostel to accommodate one hundred members and other block, consisting of flats to accommodate one hundred and fifty members. The second scheme will have only flats The site on the Tapis is the open space, on either side of the North and South Avenue leading to the Government House from Willingdon Hospital and Prime Minister's House.

One view, however, is that this will ruin the layout of the Government House. The layout of New Delhi was the special responsibility of the Viceroy in the pre-Independence days. It tooks months before Lord Linlithgow accorded his permission to build temporary office and residential buildings on either side of Kingsway and Queensway. The responsibility lapsed with Independence, hence the proposal to disfigure the approaches to the Government House.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON JULY

NEW YORK, April 14.

Previous Closing	32.63
Today's Opening	32.63
Difference	Nil.
Today's Closing	32.74
Difference	+11

LAST QUOTATIONS

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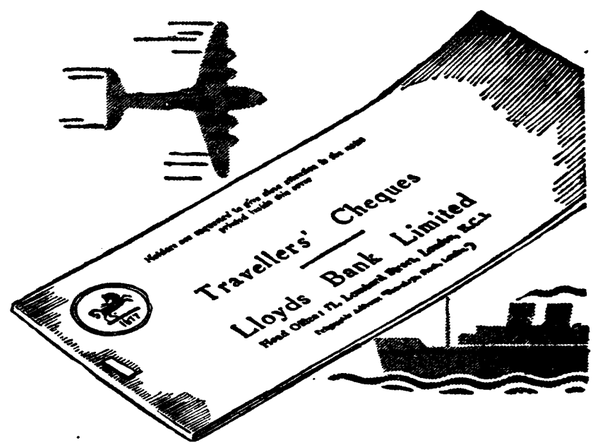

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KAMAL Film Release

INDIAN FILMS

'SIPAHIYA' FOR 10 THEATRES

Madhubala, who is at present a name to conjure with, has a completely different role in Aspi Productions' "SIPAHIYA". Versatile artists like Yakub, Agha, Husan Bano and Kanaiyalal play important parts in the film and Aspi has resolved to make the film a sure fire thing from the entertainment point of view, and has given the musical score to ace-director C. Ramchandra. The film is shortly to be exhibited in ten theatres in Bombay.

Gope in his characteristic role in "MEENA BAZAR."

'MEENA BAZAR' A GREAT SUCCESS

"MEENA BAZAR" Pancholi's latest production has taken Bombay by storm. The producer has kept an eye throughout on the box-office and that is one of the reasons why the film has captured the affections of local crowds. The film is running at the New West End, City Light and Capital theatres.

There are several moments of pure and unadulterated comedy, particularly Om Prakash singing a love song. Nargis and Shyam handle the love interest and Kanhayalal makes a suitably horrible bad man.

The story is somewhat pedestrian in character, and meanders in leisurely fashion through two generations. Pancholi assigned the direction to Ravindra Dave and the music to Husanlal and Bhagatram. Famed poet Aga Jan Kashmir wrote the lyrics. Nargis, Shyam, Gope, Sapru and Kanhayalal, along with several well known players, make up the cast.

Triple Version Life Of St. Philomena

THE life of that great saint "PHILOMENA" contains elements of childlike simplicity, and moments of truly heroic intensity. It is shortly to be filmed by Religious Pictures Corporation and will be in Hindi, Tamil and English.

Preliminary work on the film is progressing, and efforts are being made to find a cast that will fully live up to the greatness of the subject. Outdoor shots are to be filmed in Mysore and Goa and the production is under the personal supervision of Mr. W. P. Fernandes. The dialogues and direction of the Tamil version are being handled by Mr. S. S. Vasan.

Young Vinay Kumar who played a dual role of artiste and assistant director in Paul Zils "Our India" produced by DUI again plays a striking role in Bima Productions current picture "DAMAD" and also assists in the direction.

"ZEVARAT" BOOKED FOR NEXT WEEK

Having proved a tremendous success at Calcutta, where it is running in its 17th week, Habib Saradhi's "ZEVARAT" is due to be released on the 21st of April at the Daulat, Jai Hind, Paradise and Krishna Talkies (Kalyan).

Meena, fresh from her triumphs in the phenomenally popular "EK THI LARKI", is starred in the film, and there is no little support provided by Yakub, Suraiya Chaudhary and Jayant. The film has music by Hansraj Bahel.

Tempting Offers For "Hamara Ghar"

Kishore Sahu, though he is one of our top-ranking stars, has a business-like head on his shoulders. His latest production "HAMARA GHAR", is built on the theme that only an undivided home is the criterion of an undivided nation.

Sahu is reported to have refused an offer of eighteen lacs of rupees for the world distribution rights, and to have made other arrangements which would ensure a satisfactory exploitation of the film. Trade circles expect "HAMARA GHAR" to be a record money spinner, and its forthcoming release is being eagerly awaited.

"RAM RAJ"

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. Syed Husain Uraizee has yesterday filed in the court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate five declarations of the "Ram Raj" illustrated weklies in English, Hindi, Gujerati, Marathi and Urdu.

SIMPLE TALE ABOUT SIMPLE FOLK

"Gauna" Full Of Emotional Appeal

A simple tale about simple folk, Amiya Chakerbati's latest film "GAUNA" is nevertheless full of emotional appeal and has a well-knit plot. Though laugh lovers have been catered for amply, the film is at times a definite tear-jerker.

Chakerbati, who in the past has been responsible for the discovery of numerous stars, this time comes up with two new faces, Usha Kiran and Anoop Kumar. In spite of the fact that the stars are new, Producer Jagat Narain has spared neither pains nor expense in seeing to it that every about the film is of the best. Husanlal and Bhagatram have been engaged as the music directors, and have written melodies in their usual lilting manner.

In addition to Usha Kiran and Anoop Kumar, we have old favourites like Wasti and Purnima giving good performances. The film is running this week at the Super.

Charming Nimmi, the latest craze of film fans, appears "SABAZ BAGH," directed by Aziz Kashmeri.

60,000 For A Song

THAT Director V. M. Vyas is out to make "PYAR" the success of the year is amply proved by the fact that from the composition to final picturisation a song from the picture has set the producers back by about Rs. 60,000.

Novel in conception and presentation, the song is the work of famed director Sachin Dev Varman, who has excelled himself in the composition of the songs.

The third meeting of persons interested in the progress of the motion picture industry will be held under the auspices of "Film Age" on Monday, the 17th April, 1950 at 7 p.m. in the projection hall of Central Studios, Tardeo Road, when speeches will be delivered on the following subjects: "The Sound Film Printer," "The Camera and the Director," "The Causes of Film Fires" and other allied subjects.

All are cordially invited.

Biography Of Balwant

THE Kohinoor cinema this week offers the biography of the great patriot "VASUDEO BALWANT". The tale is one of constant conflict between the high-spirited youth and the forces of authority. The film traces the life of Balwant through all its trials and tribulations, from the giving up of the government post to the final sentence of transportation for life. The film is running at the Kohinoor in its fifth week.

"BARSAAT" A THING OF BEAUTY

Raj Kapoor's "BARSAAT", though a partial failure from the dramatic point of view, is yet a thing of rare and unforgettable beauty. The very loveliness of some of the scenes is such that audiences tend to concentrate more on these than on the dramatic element. "BARSAAT" is a many-faceted picture, and for a full understanding should be seen more than once.

It is tops in popularity with Bombay crowds who daily flock to see it at the Imperial, Palace, Broadway and Rivoli theatres.

Nargis and Raj Kapoor in "BARSAAT"

"Jalte Deep," Deepak Asha's much-talked-about movie is at last complete, and that too within eighteen weeks. Nimmi, Amarnath, Kuldeep and Sofia are the stars, and the dances are being looked after by Prof. K. S. More. The film marks Deepak Asha's first attempt at wielding the megaphone.

A colourful scene from Hindustan Chitra's latest "HAMARA GHAR" produced by Kishore Sahu which is booked for immediate release at leading theatres.

Ranjana in "Paththe Bapurao" at Kamal (Girgaum).

"NISHANA" GETS SET

Marathi Comedy At Majestic

Damuanna Malvankar, the popular Marathi comedian, makes a welcome return to the screen in Mangal Pictures' "DEV PAVLA" a comedy that is proving very acceptable to the large crowds that throng to the Majestic.

The comedian has the part of a simple country bumpkin who, by the sheer force of his self-confidence, manages to outwit all his detractors and get the girl into the bargain.

The script was written by G. D. Madgulkar and directed by Ram Gabale. Apart from Damuanna Malvankar, who is the mainstay of the film, the leading roles are taken by Jog, Sulochana and Kusum Deshpande.

With no lack of stellar material, M. & T.'s "NISHANA" is sure of a sustained patronage from the public. But knowing that a rational plot is essential to a good film, Wazahat Mirza the director of the picture specially wrote a forceful screenplay centered round a man who uncompromisingly fought injustice wherever he saw it, even if the cause of conflict happened to be his own son.

Ashok Kumar, Madhubala and Yakub give sterling performances and Geeta Bali, Kanhayalal and Durga Khote are also worthy of mention. The film is showing at several theatres, among them the Excelsior, Novelty and Neptune. Good for evening's thought-provoking entertainment.

I. N. T.'s Dance Ballet

Bombayites will be delighted to learn that "MEERABAI" will be staged again on 22, 23, 24 and 26th at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

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Yogendra Desai has produced this ballet dance, direction being in the experienced hands of Bipin Sinha and Yogendra Desai, and the songs and music being contributed by ever enthusiastic Avinash Vyas.

FORCEFUL SOCIAL DRAMA

"BHAI BAHEN" now running at the Minerva, is a deeply moving tale of a social problem that desparately needs to be tackled. The dowry system and its inherent evils are fully exposed in this Krishin Movietone production.

The plot deals with a man having to run into debt in order to provide dowry for his daughter, the latter being hounded by her mother-in-law and ultimately kicked out of the house. The irony of fate strikes one as most apt when this same mother-in-law is compelled to sell her house to get a husband for her own daughter.

Produced with sincerity by the Daryani brothers, the film stars Geeta Bali, Nirupa Roy and Bharat Bhusan, while Prem Adib, Jeevan and Gope are notable additions to the cast.

"Ankhen" To Be Released In Near Future

Devendra Goel, modest and unassuming, has been responsible for a surprisingly good film in "ANKHEN", which will be released in the near future. This young producer has gathered quite a galaxy of talent for "ANKHEN", and has assigned the star part to Nalini Jaywant, support being provided by Yakub, Bharat Bhusan and Yashodhara Katju. One of the highlights of the film is the fine musical score which marks the first effort as a musical director of Madan Mohan. If this film is anything to judge by, Goel is definitely going places in the cinema world.

NEWS FROM THE FILM WORLD

Nargis, hitherto known only as a dramatic actress appearing in social films, makes a departure from her usual practice and takes the leading role in "Bhisma Pratignya," The direction is by the popular Vasant Painter.

Nargis, Shahu Modak and Kumar are the leads and Mr. Akhtar Hussein is painstaking and a stickler for accuracy as the producer of the film.

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PLENTY OF LAUGHS

Produced in a gay and enthralling manner, Vijaya Chitra's forthcoming "Rupiya" is a film that progresses by leaps and bounds. Shashikala, Manmohan, Om Prakash and Cuckoo have the leading roles in the film. The music is melodious throughout and will probably appeal to every type of audience.

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Kuldip Pictures promise that their new film "Jaltarang" will have unusual techniques in the story as well as in the direction and music. Geeta Bali, Rehman, Ram Singh, and Shashikala are the leading players in this musical. Lekhraj Bhakri was the producer, and the direction was in the hands of Rajendra Sharma. The film is a forthcoming release at the Excelsior, Kamal and other theatres.

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"LOTTERY"

Produced by Narang under the banner of Bengal National Studios, "Lottery" reveals an interesting story of an average man, and exposes the foul deeds of money-mad men. It stars Kaushalya, Sunder, Z. Hussain, K. Nanda and Pushpa. Director G. Singh has beautifully picturised the story. It has good story value as well as musical appeal, and is expected to be released shortly in the city.

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"Screens," the well-known distributors, have acquired the rights of Sohrab Modi's lavish production "Sheesh Mahal", fast nearing completion at the Minerva studios. This concern was responsible for the release of "Chandralekha", "Nishan" and several other successful films.

One of Modi's more ambitious productions, "Sheesh Mahal" marks the return to the Minerva studio after a long time of Naseem. The cast is made up of headline stars including Nigar, Pushpa, and Mubarak. Ahmed Shuja and Shums Lucknavi were in charge of the story and dialogues, while Modi handled the direction.

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Paramount Film Company, under the guidance of Kalavatiben, wife of the late Kikubhai Desai, have once again entered the distribution field after a lapse of ten years. Their first acquisition is "Alak Niranjan", a mythological that stars Nirupa Roy, the hit star of "Har Har Mahadev." The firm is planning to release the film next month.

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"BATWARA"

Veteran director Ramchandra Thakur is making rapid progress with the shooting of Jai Hind Chitra's "Batwara" now on the sets at Andheri. The film features Nyantara, Menaka, Satish and a newcomer Shanta. Thakur is also responsible for the story and dialogues, while the lyrics were penned by Shaven Rizvi. Gyan Dutt has composed the music.

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Evacuee Property Bill Passed

FEW AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED

Two Classes Of People

NEW DELHI, April 14 (PTI).

PARLIAMENT today passed the Administration of Evacuee Property Bill with certain agreed amendments.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, who usually leads the Indian Government delegation to Indo-Pakistan conferences, said that the bill created two classes of people, an evacuee and an intending evacuee.

In certain circumstances the property of an intending evacuee might be declared to be evacuee property. But whether it was evacuee property or property belonging to an intending evacuee declared as evacuee property, the ownership continued to vest in the person who was an evacuee or intending evacuee.

The House also passed the Indian Tariff (Third Amendment) Bill granting protecting to the Soda ash, sheet glass and plastics industries up to December 31, 1952, on the advice of the Tariff Board.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari described as "pernicious" the Tariff Board's recommendation that imports of soda ash might be banned until the end of 1950 in view of the present stock position. Adequate imports should be allowed to prevent blackmarketing.

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, who piloted the bill on behalf of the Commerce Minister, Mr. K. C. Neogy, assured him that his point of view would be given due consideration.

PENALTIES

Most of the amendments to the Evacuee Property Bill were not moved or withdrawn and in an hour the House disposed of 25 clauses including two new clauses moved by the Minister of State Mr. Mohanlal Saksena.

The House adopted a new clause providing for penalty for wrongfully paying or receiving rents, etc., for evacuee property. The clause reads: "Any person who pays to or receives from any other person any sum of money in respect of any property which he knows or has reason to believe to be evacuee property shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine or with both."

Similarly another provision has been made for penalty for offences committed by companies. The new clause reads:

"If the person charged with an offence under this act is a company or other body corporate, the Director, Manager, Secretary or other officer of the Company or other body corporate directly concerned in the management thereof shall, unless he proves that the offence took place without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence o prevent such contravention be deemed to be guilty of such contravention."

INFORMATION

Within an hour of reassembling after lunch, the House disposed of, 17 clauses including one new clause moved by the Rehabilitation Minister. The new clause provides for submission of certain information to the Custodian within 60 days of the passing of this act about any evacuee property. The House also agreed to an amendment moved by Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar in regard to Clause 43 which bars the jurisdiction of civil or revenue courts in certain matters.

Mr. Hussain Imam said that the clause as it stood barred even third party rights and Mr. Ayyangar moved the amendment to meet this contention. As amended, the jurisdiction of courts is taken away in respect of entertaining or adjudicating upon "any question whether any property or right to or interest in any property is or is not an evacuee property."

Sardar Hukam Singh objected to Clause 49 in the article giving the Central Government power to exempt from the operation of this act any class or classes of persons. He said it would create the danger of patronage.

Mr. Mohanlal Saksena submitted it was necessary and challenged the member to produce one instance of where it had been abused.

Mr. Hussain Imam thought the power would be necessary as under the recent Indo-Pakistan agreement, for example, evacuees from Bihar would have unlimited right to dispose of their property.

INTENDING EVACUEE

The clause relating to property of an "intending evacuee" provoked a sharp debate. The House had deferred earlier, consideration of the clause with a view to exploring the possibility of an agreed formula. In the afternoon Mr. Mohanlal Saksena moved an agreed clause substituting the original clause.

Mr. Hussain Imam said that the difference between evacuee property and the property of an intending evacuee was fundamental. A vast majority of persons whose property had become evacuee property were those who had ceased to be Indian citizens. But a small class of persons who made bona fide sales were sought to be penalised as if "their crime was heinous."

The Government of India had entered into an agreement with Pakistan in January 1949, by which exchange of property between people was permitted and in fact steps were taken to facilitate exchange of properties. Men who had done no crime should not be deprived of their rights to which they were entitled under the Constitution.

MAINTENANCE

There was no provision in this act that an intending evacuee would get any sort of maintenance allowance from his property. He could appreciate the fact that sale of property should be prohibited in order to preserve the property of the intending evacuee.

"Is it the manner in which the minorities are to be encouraged to remain in this country by depriving them of their wherewithal?" he asked. "I cannot understand how you can reconcile this clause with the agreement which was recently entered into." Unless this apprehension had been removed, it was not possible for him to support the clause, he added.

Mr. Jaspatrai Kapoor expressed disappointment at the speech of Mr. Hossain Imam. He said that the clause went to the fullest extent possible to meet the wishes of the "minorities" and Mr. Imam himself had accepted it. He thought that the amendment was just and reasonable.

TWO CLASSES

Mr. Gopalaswami Ayyengar, replying to the debate, explained that the bill created two classes of peoples,—an evacuee and an intending evacuee. He said that in certain circumstances the property of an intending evacuee might be declared to be an evacuee property.

It would then attract all the provisions of the bill relating to evacuee property. "Whether it is a case of evacuee property, or property belonging to an intending evacuee or property of an intending evacuee which has been declared as evacuee property", said Mr. Ayyengar, "the ownership continues in the person who is an evacuee or intending evacuee so that any argument based upon an allegation that this bill deprives owners of property without due compensation, is, I think, an overstatement of the case".

1947-49 TRANSFERS

"I want the House to realise", Mr. Ayyengar said "that any transfer which took place between August 14, 1947 and October 18, 1949 by or on behalf of an intending evacuee will not be invalidated by anything that is provided for in this bill.

If that fact is remembered the only question that we have to consider is whether on account of the size of transfer of assets which was effected between those dates, it is undesirable or unjustifiable to declare his property as evacuee property in order that it might attract the provisions relating to the evacuee property in this bill".

The clause would not invalidate transfer however large in volume, that might have occurred before October 1949. Those transfers were taken only as evidence indicating that the man was actually preparing for migrating to Pakistan.

MANAGEMENT

Under the bill, it was open to the Custodian to see that the intending evacuee took possession of his property and arranged for its management. If the owner of an evacuee property happened to be in this country, the trouble that now existed as regards remittance of rents collected would not exist.

"I will take it", Mr. Ayyengar said "that the Custodians are reasonable enough to see that rents would be made over to the owners so far as the maintenance of the intending evacuees and their usual comforts are concerned.

There is no obligation to deprive owners of possession of their property if the Custodian is of the opinion that its possession does not impair the property itself. Beyond some sort of control over possession and management of property, it is not incumbent on the Custodians to deprive the intending evacuee of his possession".

He thought that there was a fear that some intending evacuees would go on alienating their property and making it difficult for it is being conserved for the purpose of compensating refugees. The bill sought to safeguard against it. He did not think that any right of ownership was extinguished by the bill.

The clause was adopted.

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After adopting a few more verbal amendments to various clauses, the House passed the third reading amidst cheers.

SODA ASH IMPORT

The House passed the Indian Tariff (Third Amendment) Bill granting protection to the soda ash, sheet glass and plastics industries up to December 31, 1952 on the advice of the Tariff Board.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari (Madras) said that the Tariff Board's recommendation that Government should ban all imports until the end of 1950 was a "pernicious recommendations". It would only result in encouraging the blackmarket.

The Board's alternative recommendation of pooling imported and indigenous soda ash and distributing it to the consuming public would perhaps work in Bombay where the local factories were situated but the consuming public in, say, Bengal or South India would not benefit. He reminded the House that 46 to 47 per cent of the total soda ash was consumed by washermen.

Prof. N. G. Ranga said that he agreed with Mr. Krishnamachari that "dhobies" also needed to be protected. He hoped that Government would take adequate steps to protect the consumer.

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, who piloted the bill on behalf of the Commerce Minister, assured Mr. Krishnamachari that his point of view would be given due consideration.

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STATEMENTS IN ADVANCE

Under Conditions, Says Speaker

NEW DELHI, April 14 (PTI): The Speaker, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, told Parliament today that the statement laid on the table on the House in answer to questions for oral answer could be had by the questioner in advance under certain conditions.

Mr. B. Shiva Rao asked whether the same facility subject to the same conditions, would be available to the Press Gallery.

Mr. Mavlankar: I am afraid it will not be possible for us to do that.

Lala Deshbandhu Gupta: As the facility was available for the Press Gallery in the past, will you kindly reconsider the question?

Mr. Mavlankar: I do not think it will be possible. I need not go into details as to why the previous practice was discontinued.

COPY TO MEMBER

Mr. Mavlankar said that a copy of the statement would be available only to the member who had put the question for oral answer. It could be had by the member about 15 minutes in advance of the time of the meeting.

Copies of statements supplied to members should be considered confidential and not released for publication until the question for oral answer was actually put and answered. In case the question was not reached, the answer should not be released till after the question hour. The Minister replying would always have the right to make any corrections till the question was actually answered.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT

PREVENTING RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

Problem Being Studied

NEW DELHI, April 14 (PTI).

THE frequency of accidents on the Indian Railways and steps to prevent such accidents arising out of sabotage figured in the Indian Parliament today. The Railways Minister, Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, said that the Chief Commissioner of Railways was studying the problem and the steps that could be taken to prevent the accidents.

The Minister was answering two short notice questions by Mr. R. K. Sidhwa on the railway accidents to the 28 Up Allahabad-Bombay Express between Dongargaon and Mandwa stations on 9-4-1950 and to the 2 Down Express train at Jaugerabad railway station on the O.T.R. on 8th April.

Mr. Ayyangar said the Allahabad Express had an accident at 3 p.m. on 9-4-50 and the last six bogies were derailed. One person was killed and 43 were injured including seven seriously injured. In the case of the other accident it took place at 4 p.m. on 8th April and the five coaches from the fourth from the engine were derailed at the trailing points of the Jahangirabad station.

One person who had been travelling on the footboard was killed and three others were injured. The definite cause of both the accidents were not known and enquiries were proceeding in both cases.

Mr. Sidhwa asked whether in view of the frequency of these accidents Government would consider welding of rails as in other countries thus dispensing with fish plates and dogspikes.

EXHAUSTIVE STUDY

Mr. Ayyangar: There is no such scheme under consideration. But the Chief Commissioner of Railways is engaged on an exhaustive study of the number of accidents that had taken place during recent weeks with a view to find out what could be done by way of making the accidents less frequent".

Mr. Joachim Alva: In view of the alarming number of accidents would Government contemplate establishment of a special department for taking drastic preventive steps?

Mr. Ayyangar: The only thing I can say is that with regard to prevention of accidents the only department which we can set up is a department consisting of astrologers (laughter).

Replying to other supplementaries, Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar said that the enquiries were usually conducted by the Government Inspector of Railways who was an officer of the Communications Ministry, and not under the control of the Railway Ministry. The Minister said that if the circumstances disclosed by a report justified it, Government would consider even ordering judicial enquiry.

In two recent cases Mr. Ayyangar said, sabotage had been established, though Government would have to await the final report before they could come to any conclusion. Government were taking steps for guarding the railway lines in places where these accidents had taken place with the assistance of the local State Governments.

GUARDING LINES

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa: During the war the British Government adopted a system for guarding the lines and preventing sabotage. Is such a system under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. Ayyangar: Possibly during wartime they used troops for guarding the lines. We have no such ambitions. What we are doing today is to get village officers and villagers to help us in patrolling the line along with Railway Police and the ordinary police and other security officers.

Mr. Kamath: Is there any ground for the widespread feeling that the new railway locomotives, not being suited to our tracks, are not free from blame for the accidents?

Mr. Ayyangar: I do not think there is anything to warrant opinion that the new type of locomotives have anything to do with the accidents. Some accidents have occurred to the new type of locomotives and some accidents to locomotives not of the new type.

SECRETARIAT POSTS

Sardar Patel told Sardar Hukam Singh at question time that 2,485 of the 2,644 posts held by Muslims in the Central Secretariat had been vacated on account of the partition. Of these 1,284 posts had been filled up by the displaced persons.

The Education Minister, Maulana Azad told Mr. S. N. Buragohan that it was proposed to bring down the golden kalas of the ancient Sibdole temple at Sibsagar to Calcutta for gilding. It would then be restored. This was necessary as there was no local gilder at Sibsagar.

Mr. H. V. Kamath: What is the test to determine whether a particular monument is modern or ancient?

Maulana Azad: The test is history. What is modern is modern and what is ancient is ancient. (Laughter).

Sardar Patel told Mr. Basanta Kumar Das that Government's attention had been drawn to reports of spying in West Bengal and details were being collected. He added that he did not think the information would be "of any importance" in view of the recent Indo-Pakistan Agreement, though there was nothing specific in the agreement about spying," Sardar Patel said.

The Health Minister said that the Health Ministry was considering the report of the two officers sent to Bihar on the use of argemine seeds in adulterating mustard oil. They were considering preventive steps in consultation with the Agricultural Ministry.

DENTISTS ACT

The Health Minister told Mr. H. V. Kamath that on the recommendation of the Madras Government it had been decided that legislation should be promoted to amend Section 49 of the Dentists Act so that the time limit for the preparation of the Register of Dentists could be extended by one year.

Replying to supplementaries, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur said that all the foreign dentists in the centrally administered areas as well as States had taken Indian domicile as provided for in the act excepting two British dentists. Government was not taking any action, as the act had not yet come into force.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa: Is it a fact that the two British dentists have refused to get Indian domicile? What action does Government propose to take?

The Speaker: It will be a problematical question. We should not go into individual cases.

IMPERIAL BANK

The Finance Minister told Mr. Alagesan that the Government kept themselves informed of the main particulars of the Imperial Bank's position in Pakistan informally. The Imperial Bank's function in Pakistan was the same as its functions in other countries.

Till 30th June 1950 the Imperial Bank has been appointed to act as the agent to the State Bank of Pakistan. Replying to supplementaries the Finance Minister said: "I am satisfied the bank has not undertaken any transactions in Pakistan detrimental to India's banking operations."

SABHA LEADERS

Sardar Patel told Mr. H. V. Kamath that the President of the Hindu Mahasabha and some other members had been "externed" from Delhi as it was thought their presence in Delhi would have a prejudicial effect on law and order. Sardar Patel was cheered when he refused to disclose "in public interest" what was their "objectionable activity."

Replying to other supplementaries, the Home Minister denied that Dr. Khare had been put to inconvenience while he was "externed." He said that in view of the restrictions placed on the Hindu Sabha leaders, they could not participate in "objectionable activities" in other parts of the country.

LOSS TO SIDHWA

NEW DELHI, April 14 (UPI): Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, the veteran Parliamentarian lost his privilege of putting the first question in Parliament today.

This privilege was enjoyed today by Sardar Hukam Singh. Mr. Sidhwa who had enjoyed the privilege in the past almost unchallenged came down in the question paper.

The House cheered Sardar Hukam Singh as he rose almost unexpected to put his question.

Polygamy In Parliament

NEW DELHI, April 14 (UPI).

IN REPLY to a question by Lala Raj Kanwar in Parliament today, the Home Minister Sardar Patel stated that the Government of India did not propose to make enquiries in the forthcoming census operations regarding the latest figures of polygamous marriages.

To a supplementary by Lala Raj Kanwar as to what extent Government would prohibit polygamy, Sardar Patel humourously said: "To the extent to which people want to marry more than one". (Laughter).

Lala Raj Kanwar: Do Government propose to abolish polygamy in view of the fact that it is a social evil or an unsocial act, and particularly in view of the fact that the number of males exceeds the number of females in India?

Speaker: Order, order. That question need not be answered.

To a question whether the Government were in favour or wanted to abolish polygamy, Sardar Patel said: It is a matter of opinion. One must try and get experience.

MALARIA AND V.D. CONTROL

WHO Experts To Give Training

NEW DELHI, April 14.

During April, World Health Organisation experts are providing special opportunities for Indian doctors and health workers to obtain advanced training in modern methods of control of malaria and venereal diseases.

Dr. Arnaldo Gabaldon, Director of Malariology at Maracay, Venezuela, has come to Delhi under WHO auspices specially to give a series of lectures to students taking the three-months Malaria Course for Medical Officers organised by the Malaria Institute. Dr. Gabaldon arrived in Delhi on Sunday.

At the Grant Medical College, Bombay, Dr. Jos. Kvittingen of Norway has just terminated a week's course of intensive practical training in modern methods of laboratory diagnosis of venereal diseases. The course was attended by over 15 doctors and serologists from local institutions. Dr. Kvittingen brought the necessary equipment and supplies for his Bombay training course with him from Simla where during the last nine months he has in charge of the modern diagnostic laboratory which he created for the WHO Venereal Disease Control Team operating in the Himachal Pradesh.

SIX COMMUNISTS SHOT DEAD

Encounter With Police

VIJAYAVADA, April 14 (PTI): Six persons described as Communists were killed in an encounter with the police in Gollanapalli village in Krishna District in the early hours of yesterday morning, according to information reaching here.

According to the police, they got scent of preparations by an armed gang to attack the village. Police surrounded the gang, who, taken by surprise, fired twelve rounds. The police replied to the fire effectively.

At the end of the encounter, six bodies were counted. Police captured three rifles, some live cartridges, two sprearheads and some gun powder besides some "Communist" literature.

None of the police party was injured.

MINISTER'S VISIT: Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Minister for Public Works, Government of Bombay, is expected to visit Karwar in the first week of May. This would be the Minister's second visit to this District, after taking over his office.

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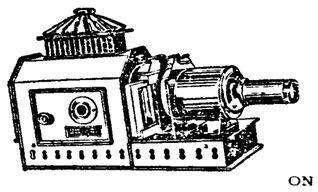

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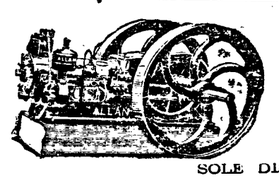

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STIFF TASK AHEAD OF KASHMIR MEDIATOR

Sir Owen Arriving At Lake Success In A Week

NEW YORK, April 14, (PTI):

SIR OWEN DIXON, the Australian Judge who was appointed by the Security Council to be "United Nations Representative" in Kashmir, on April 12 is expected at Lake Success in a week's time cables P.T.I Correspondent.

The U. N. Secretary-General sent him a cable on April 12 within a few minutes of the Security Council's reaching its decision.

The Australian delegation was understood later to have put through a telephone call to Sir Owen in Australia.

MAY MEET LIAQUAT

According to informed sources, the Jurist will remain at Lake Success for about a week before leaving for India and Pakistan. This means that he may have an opportunity to meet Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, before the latter leaves, Karachi on his American tour. He is expected in Washington on May three.

Meanwhile United Nations experts were surveying the difficulties the Mediator would have to encounter the moment he took up his job.

India accepted the four-power Kashmir resolution of March one with the specific reservation that "on moral and legal grounds" it could not accept the McNaughton demilitarisation proposal as the basis of the Mediator's task. Pakistan on the other hand accepted the resolution "in its letter and spirit making it clear that in Pakistan's view the McNaughton Plan of demilitarisation was the basis of the resolution.

A SAVING CLAUSE

There is, of course, a saving clause, namely, that the Mediator could employ "such modifications" of the McNaughton proposal "as may be mutually agreed upon" between India and Pakistan.

This would be the crux of the task Sir Owen Dixon would be embarking upon and the "direct talks" between the parties to which references are now freely being made at Lake Success would probably be the starting point for exploring possibilities of such "agreed" modifications.

The main difference is that, in India's view, the MacNaughton proposal for demilitarisation unjustly equates Pakistan and its associates on the one hand and India and the State of Kashmir on the other, and that if the McNaughton proposal was followed, Kashmir's national sovereignty would be violated under U. N. auspices even before the plebiscite was held.

The Mediator, however has certain new powers which distinguish his position markedly from that of the U.N. Kashmir Commission.

He has the power, in certain circumstances, of "suggesting other appropriate arrangements" in regard to the civil administration of the disputed northern areas.

Secondly, "if he should find, after an investigation on the spot, that the "agreed objective" was impracticable he could make "suggestions at variances with that objective".

Need For U.S. Aid To Asia

PHILIP JESSUP'S STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): American Roving Ambassador Philip Jessup said yesternight the United States felt that the Japanese people had progressed to a point where they deserved a peace treaty giving them responsibility for managing their own affairs with certain safeguards.

He was broadcasting on his recent three-months' fact-finding tour of the Far East.

Dr. Jessup's statement on Japan was part of a six point summary of American foreign policy in the Far East.

The other points were:

(1) The United States believed that every people had the right to be independent, to govern itself, and to work out its own problems in its own way.

(2) The United States believed that free people who were determined to maintain their independence were entitled to military aid which would help them to remain free.

(3) The United States would give economic aid in the form of loans and technical assistance where it was wanted and could help the Asiatic people to help themselves.

(4) The United States would continue its 'vigorous information programme" to counter the "Communist campaign of misinformation and libel."

(5) The United States could continue to work through the United Nations as well as through direct diplomatic channel, to encourage the settlement of disputes endangering peace and stability.

Dr. Jessup said he believed there were two necessary conditions for the success of these policies.

One is a cool and unwavering determination on America's part to go forward in the face of the many difficulties and discouragements that are bound to arise.

"The second is an evergrowing understanding on our part of the realities of life in Asia. There is no substitute for understanding, it is the basis of our democratic foreign policy."

"I went out to Asia strongly convinced of the value of technical aid as an arm of American foreign policy", he added

"I came back a hundred times more

PROHIBITION CASES: The Prohibition Division of the Greater Bombay Police picked up 304 cases, arrested 126 persons and seized 252 gallons of illicit liquor, 3,477 gallons of wash and two gallons of spirit, during the week ended April 6 last.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, April 14.

The Governor of Bombay received Shri B. K. Patel, Dr T. J. Lalvani and Shri J. T. Lalvani.

His Excellency Dr. Sitaram and His Excellency Dr. B Kratochvil came to lunch

Rani Manaraj Singh performed the opening ceremony of the Czech Cultural Exhibition at the Government Law Colege Hall. Later she witnessed the drama "The Man Who Came to Dinner" organised by the British Women's Organisation at St. Xavier's Colege Hall.

His Excellency visited the Hon'ble the Chief Minister at his residence.

The Governor witnessed a Revue of the British Aquatic Team of Divers and Swimmers at the Victoria Swimming Bath, where he was received by Shri and Shrimati K. F. Golwalla.

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ALLAHABAD, April 14, (UPI): Acharya J. B Kripalani who arrived in Allahabad on Friday morning left for Jubbulpore by the Bombay Mail to address a meeting there. He will return to Allahabad on April 16, next and will address a Congress workers meeting in the city Congress Committee office at 8 a.m. the same day.

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MR. V. T KRISHNAMACHARI

MADRAS, April 14, (P. T I.): Mr. V. T. Krishnamachari, Member of the Central Planning Commission, arrived here today. He met the Departmental Secretaries of the Madras Government at an informal conference at the Secretariat and explained the scope of the Commission's work.

It is learnt the Departmental Secretaries, who have constituted themselves into a committee, would meet from time to time and submit to the Central Commission their recommendations in respect of the development schemes and the priorities that should be accorded in their execution. This, in turn, will enable the Central Commission to finalise their recommendations to the Government.

KOTAH MAHARAO TAKES OATH

Rajasthan Rajpramukh

NEW DELHI, April 14, (PTI): The Uprajpramukh of Rajasthan Maharao of Kotah took oath of office as Rajpramukh of Rajasthan this morning here.

Earlier the Rajpramukh, Maharaja of Jaipur left for Bombay from where he will be proceeding abroad for a period of four months

The oath-taking ceremony was held at the Rambagh Palace in the presence of the Chief Minister and Ministers of the Rajasthan Cabinet, advisers to the Government, Justice Kanwarlal Baphna, G.O.C., Rajasthan Forces and high-ranking officers off the State

PORTUGUESE BOAT TRAGEDY

LISBON, April 14. (PTI-Reuter): Police have recovered 19 bodies from the ferry which sank in the River Douro, near Oporto on April 5 and it is now known that 25 people lost their lives.

The ferry which was packed with city workers on their way home from Oporto was believed to have struck an underwater quay, hidden by the high tide.

Shankar Will Dance His Way Through Life

LONDON, April 14. (PTI-Reuter): Uday Shankar, the Indian dancer, who has been touring the United States and Canada with his ballet company, left for home yesterday aboard the Peninsular and Orient liner "Strathnaver."

With him were his wife and dancing partner, Amala, their small son, and 14 Indian musicians and dancers. They expect to land in Bombay on April 29.

Shankar, who celebrated his fiftieth birthday while appearing in London last December, said today that he would go on dancing "as long as I can move, and until I am about 80".

Heavy Sentences On Czech 'Spies'

PRAGUE COURT'S JUDGMENT

PRAGUE, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): A young Czech girl Dagmar Kacerovska, 23 years old, formerly employed by the United States Information Service here was sentenced yesterday to 15 years hard labour for high treason.

Another Czech employee of the American information service, '28-year-old Lubomir Elsner, got 18 years as an "enemy of the state, insulting the state and spying".

Speeches by President Truman, Mr. Dean Acheson, American Secretary of State and Mr. Hector McNeil, a British Minister, were quoted by the prosecutor as among the "war mongering" material issued by the Information Service.

BRITAIN TO RECONSIDER RETURN OF SERETSE

Disturbances In Protectorate

LONDON, April 14. (PTI-Reuter):

THE British Government last night hinted that its attitude towards the return of Seretse Khama, exiled chief of the Bamangwato tribe, to the tribal reserve in Bechuananland might have to be reconsidered as a result of disturbances there this week.

The Commonwealth Relations Office here last night stated that "the administration may now find it necessary to reconsider the situation—a possibility which the Secretary of State indicated in Parliament on March 28 might arise".

Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, Commonwealth Relations Minister, told Parliament during the debate on the exiling of Seretse Khama last month: "We are not going to be intimidated by violence or threats of violence and I ought to repeat that Seretse's return to the protectorate is on condition of his own good conduct and also that the order and good government of the tribe are not disturbed"

Eleven Africans were arrested after riots at Serowe. Bamangwato tribal capital, on Tuesday

U. S. ARMS UNLOADED IN FRANCE

Communist Opposition Fizzles Out

CHERBOURG, April 14. (PTI-Reuter): Cherbourg dockers, heavily protected by security guards, last night completed without incident the unloading of the first shipment of Atlantic Pact arms to France from the United States freighter, "American Importer."

Police, troops and about 600 security guards out-numbered the dockers by three to one unloading of the 632 tons of arms began yesterday morning.

Communist—sponsored "fighters for peace and liberty" had called a demonstration to protest against the arrival of the arms, but the response was small and it fizzled out.

East Bengal Acting On Delhi Pact

KARACHI, April 14. (PTI-Reuter): The Government and the people of East Bengal heartily welcomed the agreement signed by the Prime Ministers of Pakistan and India, Mr. Nurul Amin, Premier of East Bengal told the Associated Press of Pakistan last night.

The East Bengal Premier said that preliminary steps had already been taken by his Government to implement certain terms of the agreement. The appointment of a Minister from the minority community was under his urgent consideration.

KHALSA ANNIVERSARY IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, April 14 (PTI): Over 5,000 Sikhs worshipped at the Central Sikh temple here yesterday which was the 251st birthday of the Khalsa.

Tamil and Singhalese people here also celebrated their new year days yesterday.

The Chief Justice of the Singapore Supreme Court, Mr. C. M. Murray-Aynsley and the representative of the Government of India in Malaya, Mr. J. A. Thivy felicitated the Sikhs at an evening party given by the Singapore Sikh Missionary Society.

Bogus Ticket Collector Caught

JUBBULPORE, April 14 (U.P.I.): While attempting to extort money from unwary passengers, who had been proceeding from Allahabad to their homes in the Saugor District and were awaiting for the Jubbulpore-Bina passenger train at Katni to resume their journey, a bogus Ticket Collector was spotted out and handed over to the Government Railway Police by Mr. M. E. Joseph, head-quarters Travelling Ticket Inspector and Mr. Param Lal, Ticket Collector, Katni.

All the schools of the Sarf-e-Khas areas, formerly belonging to the Nizam as his personal property, have been absorbed in the Hyderabad State Government's education department and reorganised.

2 Jet Planes Crash

PILOTS KILLED

LONDON, April 14. (PTI-Reuter): Two of Britain's latest jet planes, a Meteor and Vampire, crashed yesterday. Their pilots were killed.

The Meteor dived to earth at 400 miles an hour at Yoxford, Suffolk.

The Vampire crashed in flames at Shamley Green, near Godalming, Surrey

It was the second Meteor crash this year No vampires have crashed in Britain this year, though one did in the south-west of France.

U. K. TRADE WITH INDIA

Principal Exports And Imports

	Full Year 1949	2 Months Jan.-Feb. 1949	2 Months Jan.-Feb. 1950
Total All Exports	117,132	24,324	14,365
Of which:—			
Machinery	38,946	7,240	6,964
Vehicles (including ships and locomotives)	15,771	3,030	2,367
Electrical goods and apparatus	9,255	1,867	1,101
Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours	10,252	2,572	490
Total All Imports	98,215	17,137	16,012
Of which:—			
Tea	41,746	8,512	6,675
Jute manufactures	10,691	1,809	1,333
Raw jute	5,206	1,099	302
Leather and manufactures	10,288	1,440	1,950

Search For U. S. Plane Continues

MOSCOW REPEATS CHARGES

COPENHAGEN, April 13 (PTI-Reuter): Aircraft of three nations searched the Baltic today in the fifth days hunt for a missing American naval bomber.

At least 20 United States, Swedish and Danish air-craft took part.

While they sought a trace of the plane 'or its ten' occupants, missing since Saturday, American and Soviet newspapers kept up the spate of charges and counter-charges about the Moscow-reported "air battle" between in American plane and Soviet fighters.

So far no trace of the plane has been confirmed.

Protest Against Sabha Leaders' Arrest

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, April 14: A strong protest against detention without trial of Hindu Mahasabha leaders and against the ban imposed on publication of resolutions of the Hindu Mahasabha Working Committee was made by local Socialist, peasants and workers leaders.

The prominent signatories to the protest are are Dr. R. P Paranjapye, S. G. Vaze, S. S. More, and N. G. Gore. According to the leaders the detention and the ban amounted to encroachment on civil liberties. The leaders urge immediate withdrawal of these prohibitory orders.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

The following is the statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on the 7th April:

	Rs.
Demand Liabilities in India	
(i) Borowing from banks	27,14,00,000
(ii) Other demand liabilities	568,59,43,000
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(i) Borowings from banks	92,10,000
(ii) Other time liabilities	264,90,85,000
Cash in India	
(i) Currency notes of the Govt of India and Bank Notes	29,90,23,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,61,69,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	67,07,000
Balance with Reserve Bank	53,11,96,000
Advances in India	454,84,90,000
Bills discounted in India	16,63,02,000

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, April 14 (PTI)—Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange market:—

GOVT. SECURITIES—Govt of India loans 3 pc paper 97-1, 3 per cent 1986 97, 3 per cent 1970-75 100, 3 per cent 1966-68 100,2, Govt of Travancore 3 percent 1952-54 101|12, Govt. of Madras 3 per cent 1956 100|10 3 per cent 1960 100,4.

BANKS—Travancore 14.

SUGARS & BREWERIES—Deccan 17-4, Mysore 45-8, Travancore 5-6.

PLANTINGS—Chembra 5-2, Cochin Malabar 4-10, Devashola 15-4, Highland Produce 27-4, Kalsa 11-12, Kalpetas 18-7, Malankara 53, Midland 4-12, Neliampathy 1-2-6, Pariakaramali 26-4 Pullangode 1-4-6, Puthutotam 3-11-6, Thirumbadi 1-14-6, TR and T Co. 5-4, Vaikundam 8-10.

TEXTILES—Bangalore Woollen 235, Buckingham 137 do Pref 188, Cambodia 11-8, Coimbatore Cm 147-8, do Pioneer 119, Dhanalakshmi 212-8, Janardhana 82, Lakshmi 72, Mettur 328, Mysore Silk Filature 3-15, Radhakrishna 193 Rajalakshmi 73-8, Ranga Vilas 55-12, Travancore Rayons 3-13, do Pref 6-9-6, Trichinopoly 11, Vasanta 107.

MISCELLANEOUS—Andhra Cement 76, Fact 5-3, India Cement 17-12, Mettur Chem 5-8, do Pref 93, Mysore Chem Fert 7-10, Spencer 11.

Red Drive In Asia

SECRET PLANS

NEW YORK, April 14 (PTI-Reuter). Secret plans have been drawn up to intensify the Communist drive in Asia and Australia, the New York Times said in a despatch from Washington today. Specifically it has been decided to tie up the port of Brisbane, Calcutta, Saigon, Hong Kong and Singapore, said the Times.

The despatch quoting "authoritative sources" said the plans were formulated at the secret meeting of the Asian Trade Union Conference called by the World Federation of Trade Unions in Peiping. The Times said that Li-San, trained in Moscow and a former opponent of Chinese Communist Chief Mao Tse Tung, was chairman of the secret sessions.

Mr. Serge Rostovsky, Assistant Secretary of W.F.T.U. is said to have raised the question of tying up Asiatic ports by next summer when he said "plans for war by the imperialist powers are likely to be far developed."

Mr. Shankar Shelvankar of the All-India Trades Union Congress was reported as saying that the best port to tie up in India was Calcutta, as "in Bombay we are weak for the time being."

Mr. Fox of Australia said Australian ports that could be tied up were Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, in that order, the paper said. The chaiman, Mr. Li, after hearing other delegates, according to the Times, summed up the session by saying it was agreed that Calcutta, Saigon and Brisbane were the places for 'concentration" of effort and that the Chinese unions could concentrate on Hong Kong and Singapore.

Malan's Eyes On Former British Protectorates

FEELERS TO BRITAIN

CAPETOWN, April 14, (PTI-Reuter):

PRIME MINISTER DANIEL MALAN told Parliament yesterday that South Africa was ready to resume negotiations on the transfer of British protectores to the Union from the point where they were left off at the outbreak of the last war.

On August 26, 1939, certain documents on the subject were submitted to the British Government, he said. A week later, war was declared and apart from an acknowledgement, no reply was received by the Union Government.

General Jan Smuts, leader of the Opposition and South African wartime Premier, told Parliament that when the negotiations were broken off, they had reached a stage of agreement on all main points. He expressed pleasure that the negotiations were to be resumed and suggested that documents concerned should be published.

The three protectorates which South Africa would like to incorporate in the Union are Basutoland, Swaziland and Bechuanaland.

(Commonwealth Secretary Patrick Gordon Walker told the British Parliament on March 30 that there would be no question of transfer until the inhabitants of the territories, African and European, had been consulted and the British Parliament had expressed its views).

Fire In Jap Town Guts 2,000 Houses

TOKYO, April 14, (PTI-Reuter): Two thousand buildings were destroyed but no casualties were reported in a fire which last night roared through Atami, seaside resort 60 miles southwest of Tokyo.

A cigarette end was believed to have caused it.

It gutted the Atami City Hall, the police station and department store, but by midnight appeared to be abating.

At least 10,000 people were left homeless.

A fire on April 4 destroyed over 100 buildings in the same town.

CITY CORPORATION WEEK BY WEEK

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ed in the debate and explained that these minutes were placed on the table of the house as a result of a resolution passed by the Corporation. This resolution only spoke of the minutes and as such only the minutes are presented to the house. If the members wanted also the papers relevant to these minutes they must move a resolution to that effect. The resolution demanding an access to the minutes was passed in spite of the opposition of the Congress Party because on that particular day the opposition was in the majority for some time. If a resolution demanding an access to the relevant papers is also passed it is doubtful if it will be passed by the House, unless the Congress Party supports the same. Now that the minutes are already placed on the table and in view of the fact that the budget and the Administration report of the B.E.S.T. undertaking are also placed before the House the Congress Party should agree to the access to these papers and thus remove an avoidable cause of friction.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: The industrial disputes between the Messrs. Alcock Ashdown and Company, Limited, the Anant Engineering Works and the Ripon Road Iron Foundry, all of Bombay, and their respective workers have been referred for adjudication, the first to the Industrial Tribunal of Shri P. S. Bakhle, the second to that of Shri Salim M. Merchant and the third to that of Shri D. G. Kamerkar.

LEAVE FOR MEN! MATERNITY

SYDNEY, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): Australian public servants at their annual conference here today decided to ask for ten days special leave when their wives have had babies.

Reason for this is that overcrowded hospitals cannot keep patients for more than a few days after the birth of their baby.

On their return home many young mothers are often left stranded because of the shortage of domestic servants and the difficulty of getting relatives to help.

U.S. GOVERNMENT FACES 200 M. DOLLAR CLAIM

Judge's Ruling On Taxas Fire

HOUSTON (Texas) April 14. (PTI-Reuter):

THE UNITED STATES Government faced possible lawsuit damages of 200 million dollars following a Federal Judge's ruling here yesterday that it was at fault in the 1947 Texas city disaster which took 512 lives.

Judge T. M. Kennerly, ruled that 8,485 parties who had sued for this sum in damages "are entitled to judgment" as a result of the waterfront explosions which almost wrecked Texas city three years ago Some 3,000 people were injured.

The judge ruled specifically in three suits, but the ruling was extended to cover 510 death claims, 588 for personal injury 5,907 for property damage.

Each suit must now go before a federal judge to determine its merits—how much each plaintiff is to receive.

The plaintiffs maintained that the blast was due to Government negligence in enforcing safety regulations at the Texas city docks, where ammonimum nitrate exploded in the grandchamp, a 7,176-ton Liberty ship owned by the French Government.

The Government blamed the steamship companies involved, longshore unions and stevedoring firms.

Judge Kennerly ruled that Government employees handling the ammonium nitrate had been negligent, and that there had not been proper inspection and tests of the fertilizer.

In Washington, Assistant Attorney General H. Graham Morison said the Government would appeal against the decision immediately.

The litigation involves the largest damages action ever brought against the Government.

If the Government lost finally, Congress would have to make special appropriation to meet whatever claims and amounts were approved.

BOYCOTT OF KARAIKAL ELECTIONS

French Indian Congress Decision

KARAIKAL, April 14 (PTI)—The French Indian Congress will not participate in the Karaikal municipal elections scheduled to be held on April 23, Mr. M Nagarajan, Secretary of the Karaikal Merger Congress stated here today.

He added that it was found not necessary for the Congress to contest the municipal elections now that the coming referendum in the French Indian Settlements was being tackled at Governmental level.

The Karaikal Merger Congress is a joint body of pro-merger organisations formed sometime ago and include the French India Congress also.

Mr Nagarajan stated that the French Indian Congress contested the last elections because members were then elected to fix the date and modalities of the referendum.

The councillors who later met at Pondicherry last October resolved to leave the matter to the Governments of France and India.

SURAT STATION: The Surat Chamber of Commerce, in a memorandum to the Transport Ministry urged the need implement its decision to reconstruct the railway station and the goods office at Surat. The existing station was built about eighty years ago.

WORKSHOP INQUIRY COMMITTEE

Study In Bangalore

BANGALORE, April 14 (PTI): The six-member Workshop Committee appointed by the Ministry of Communications last month to inquire into the organisation of posts and telegraphs workshops and suggest ways and means of rationalising production is now in Bangalore.

The Committee, of which Mr. B. R. Batra, Chief Engineer, Posts and Telegraphs, is the chairman, has visited Bombay, Calcutta and Jubbulpore. The members are now studying the Indian Telephone Industries factory located near Bangalore. The Committee is expected to report in the next few days to the Communication Ministry".

Mr. Batra told PTI that under the "Own Your Phone" system, in the seven centres where it had been introduced, the total collections so far amounted to Rs. 1,40,00,000. Last year, Mr. Batra said, 9,000 new telephones were given and in the current financial year it was hoped to instal as many as 14,000 new connections.

Under the new system, 33-1/3 per cent of the total new connections was reserved for exempted categories, such as doctors and hospitals, five per cent being for pressmen.

Asked if there was any proposal to extend the system to Bangalore, Mr. Batra said it would be nearly two years before any expansion could take place on any scale. The criterion governing the opening of new exchanges, Mr. Batra said, was that the exchange should be able to pay its way.

Whirlwind In French Morocco: 6 Killed

PARIS, April 14. (PTI-Reuter): A fierce whirlwind with blinding hail yesterday killed six people and many animals, laid waste 7,500 acres of cultivated land, and cut the Fez-Taza railway line in the Wadi-Innaouen desert region of French Morocco.

Princess Marries A Student

ROME, April 14. (PTI-Reuter).

PRINCESS FATEMEH PAHLAVI, beautiful 21-year-old sister of the Shah of Persia, last night married an American student in the municipal offices of the little Roman seaport of Civitavecchia.

The bridegroom was 25-year-old Vincent Lee Hillyer born in Augusta, Kansas, and now living in Los Banos, California.

His parents, Dr. Leroy Hillyer and Mrs. Ruth Mary Poynter Hillyer, were the only witnesses of the wedding, conducted in a few minutes by the local Municipal Commissioner in his dingy office.

At the end of the ceremony, the Commissioner gave the Princess a bunch of white tulips and the fountain pen with which the marriage lines had been written.

Princess Fatemeh, tall and dark, wore a white brocade dress, with a string of white carnations as a necklace At her waist was pinned a large jewel.

The bridegroom, tall and fair, wore a dark blue suit.

Despite the great secrecy of the wedding, a crowd of several hundred people gathered at the door of the Municipality and cheered the couple as they came out.

They drove to a local hotel, changed and drove away on a secret honeymoon.

SCATTERED BUYING IN STEELS AFTER EARLY DECLINE

Narrow Price Movement In Cotton Mill Shares

BOMBAY, April 14.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened quiet but under moderate Steel Shares improved while cotton Mill Shares moved within a narrow range.

Tata Steel Defds. opened at Rs. 1650 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1657-8 and declined at Rs. 1647-8 under scattered selling. At this level there was cessation of selling and the market gradually improved at Rs. 1660|- Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 325|- and after declining at Rs. 324 improved at Rs. 325|- Indian Irons opened at Rs. 29|12 and hardened at Rs. 30|- Bengal Steels opened at Rs. 20-11 and after being done at Rs. 20-11 improved at Rs. 20-12.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1005 and after receding at Rs. 1000|- rallied at Rs. 1005 Kohinoors were done at Rs. 314-.

Scindia Shares were steady at Rs. 13-3 and constructions were done at Rs. 92|- Bombay Burmas opened at Rs. 452|- and improved at Rs. 456.

Later on there was restricted price movement and Tata Steel Defds. after improving at Rs. 1,161-4 steadied at Rs. 1,657. Ordinary Shares after improving at Rs. 326-8 stood around Rs. 325. Budlee difference for Tata Steel Defds. was about Rs. 3-12.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (27-8) XD	1002 8
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	314 4
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	269 0
Central India Mills (6)	234 0
Simplex Mills (6-8)	194 8
New Great Eastern (8)	144 0
Indore (8-13)	113 12
Gokak Mills (12) XD	252 8
Century Spinning (15)	246 4
Indian Bleaching (6)	152 0
Swan Mills (20)	321 4
Finlay Mills (15)	261 0
Morarji Goculdas (S)	153 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	230 0
Meyer (12)	88 12
Apollo Mills (As 4)	2 15
India United Ord. (0-14-9)	11 15
India United Defd.	1 14 6
Madhusudan (15)	150 0
Podar (S)	131 0
Khatau Makanji (6)	156 4
Swadeshi Coupon	68 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	325 8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1657 8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-12)	141 4
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (7) XD	154 8
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8) XD	452 8
Belapur Sugar (9)	224 8
Shivrajpur (1-8)	30 8
Scindia Steam (6-8)	13 3
Premier Construction	82 0
Tata Chemical	11 6
Tata Oil (2)	47 0
Indian Iron (0-12)	29 13
Bengal Steel (0-12-0)	20 7
British India Corp. (0-9)	8 12
Indian Copper	2 5 9
Wimco	228 12
Alcock	331 4
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Hydro (3) XD	152 2
Andhra Valley (30)	1410 0
Tata Power (25)	1548 12

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone (5)	59 0
Phoenix (50)	152 8
Indian Mfg. (40)	2950 0
Kurla XD	116 4
Colaba (12)	105 0
New City (11)	172 8
Minerva (12)	136 4
Bradbury (12)	575 0
Bharucha Defd. (0.4)	4 4
Bharat Mills (2)	28 8
Mysore (4)	160 10
Madhavji (0-12-0)	14 4
Model Mills (13-8)	166 4
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	616 4
Vishnu Cotton (8)	212 8
Western India (40)	2925 0
Standard (15)	227 8
Sholapur (200)	3150 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)	18 0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 0
Tata Mills (2-4)	51 0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	240 0
New Ahmedabad	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	35 0
New Union Mills (0-8)	18 6
Madhusudan S. (2-5)	35 0
Shrinivas Mills (S)	173 12
Raja Bahadur (4)	54 0
Berar Mills	260 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
ELECTRIC (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8) XD	125 10
Ahmedabad New XD	99 12
Surat Electric	133 2
Karachi Electric (2)	135 0
Broach (0-5)	6 2
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 2
Amalgamated	11 2
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	136 4
Bombay Suburban (8)	151 4
Bombay Suburban New	145 0
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India	1785 0
Imperial Bank P. (0-12)	437 8
Central Bank (2) XD	81 12
Central Bank New (1-8)	84 4
Bank of India (4)	172 8
Union (0-3)	7 8
Baroda (2-3)	122 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37 8
United Commercial (1-2)	46 0
Jaipur Bank (18-0)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	17 0
Mysore Bank (8)	366 0
Eastern Bank (0.14-9)	92 0
INSURANCE SHARES	
Oriental (125)	4720 0
Empire (10)	571 4
New India (1-7)	59 0
Jupiter (0-12)	12 12
Vulcan (0-10)	13 6
Indian Mercantile (0-4)	39 0
Universal	11 4
BIG (1)	17 0
Industrial and Prudential	28 4
Neptune	7 0
All India General	12 12
New Great	25 0
RAILWAY SHARES	
O. P. (1-14) XD	112 0
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (10)	236 4
Bombay Burma New (5)	153 12
Burma Petrol	1 8 3
Mackenzie (6)	90 0
Port Canning (3)	58 8
Kemp and Co. (20)	300 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125 0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	94 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	46 8
Mukund Iron	4 4
Dena Trust (0-12)	14 0
Alembic (15)	46 4
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	67 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	22 8
Indian Cement (1937)	19 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	153 12
United Motor	28 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	775 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahamadi Steam	100 0
Gujarat Motor	26 14
Sardar Carbonic XD	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrella Batteries	30 0
National Rayon	48 4
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	200 0
Andhra Valley (7)	1232 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1345 0
Hydro Electric (7) XD	125 0
Bombay Steamer (6)	223 12
Central India (5)	635 0
Swadesh Mills	130 0
Vishnu Mills (7)	672 8
Laxmi	276 4
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 4
Podar Mills (4)	95 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106 14
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130 0
Pre. Construction First	100 0
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	98 0
Amalgamated	115 0
India	72 0
Tata Chemical	124 6
Walchandnagar	130 0
Jupiter	13 4
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	102 8
Mackenzie First	85 0
Mackenzie (2)	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	127 8
Mysore Mill	41 0
Standard	99 0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	100 0
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	69 8
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952	103 0
Gula Kajamsingh	8 9
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	97 0
Indian Hume Pipe	101 0
Scindia	97 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	105 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 3
New Victoria	2 2
New Victoria Pref.	4 4
Phalton	92 0
Gold Mohor	305 0
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325 0
Bajjan X.R. C.D.	110 0
Osmanshahi X.R. C.D.	125 0
Rajam Shahi	130 0
Air Service	4 4
Air India	58 0
Hind Motors	5 2 6
Indian Steam	7 2

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE April 13: Sellers were offering black Lampong five dollars higher at 575 and white muntok unchanged at 860 dollars per picul exgodown. About three tons black loose arrivals were absorbed locally at 565

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, April 14.

The local bullion market was fairly steady today with moderate business.

Members of the Exchange have submitted their lists of open business and the Board is meeting this afternoon to discuss the present situation. The market will close today at 4 p.m.

At the opening forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 186-12 and advanced at Rs. 187-4 on moderate buying. At this level further improvement was checked by profit taking sales and forward Silver reacted at Rs. 187. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 187-10.

Gold section was comparative quiet with restricted business. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 45-13 and declined at Rs. 115-11 under scattered selling but improved at Rs. 115-14 and again quietened at Rs. 115-12. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 116-4 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 75-12.

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	187	3	0
Forward	186	8	0
Ready Gold	116	0	0
Forward	115	8	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, April 14.

The local produce market was quietly steady with restricted business. Quotations were as under:—

See. Copy			
Khandesh Quality Ready	42	6	0
Madras Coromandal	42	2	0
Bold Ready	41	2	0
Oil Bombay Mills	22	10	0
Oil Upcountry Mills	22	2	0
Oil April delivery	22	2	0
Oil May	22	8	0
LINSEED			
Bold Ready	36	12	0
Small Satna	36	2	0
April-May	36	10	0
Oil	21	0	0
CASTORSEEDS			
Castorseeds Ready	27	4	0
Madras Ready	27	8	0

COMMISSION HOUSE SELLING IN N.Y. COTTON MARKET

Slipping Tendency In Final Trading On Wall Street

NEW YORK, April 13: Opening declines in new crops were extended on commission house liquidation induced by favourable overnight rains in West Texas and forecasts of additional showers in dry areas of the Western Belt. Nearbys were supported early on trade buying for mill and export accounts, but subsequently declined slightly in sympathy with deferreds. After drifting narrowly most of the afternoon prices sagged suddenly on renewed liquidation of new crop additional moisture in the western areas overnight. Old crops moved sympathetically though losses here were softened by continued good trade demand. The market closed barely steady with sales estimated at 100,000 bales.

CLOSING COTTON

NEW YORK, April 13.

	New York.	New Orleans.
May	32.48—02	32.18—02
July	32.63—04	32.34+01
October	30.74—15	30.65—16
December	30.64—17	30.45—17
Middling Spot	33.08—02	32.25

New York Highest July 32.68 at 10-00 hours, Lowest 32.63 at 15-00 hours.

WALL STREET MARKET

STOCKS: Bulls continued in command this morning although efforts to push the market higher were handicapped at times by occasional increases in corrective profit-taking. However, the industrial average at the end of the first hour's trading succeeded in penetrating the high level established on October 4, 1930. The sentiment was cheerful as President Truman painted in glowing terms the present day prosperity in the United States. At, midday, gains of mostly fractions prevailed with demand centred on leading aircrafts, motors, steels, chemicals, rubbers, televisions, rails and rayons. The averages were industrials 214.55 and rails 56.32.

While the main body of the market fluctuated narrowly around the earlier high levels buyers showed a decided broadening interest in leading televisions during the afternoon with admiral corporation especially sought. While televisions continued to be in demand elsewhere mostly slipping tendencies developed in final trading. The market closed irregular with the main body of the market showing about evenly divided fractional changes.

NEW YORK STOCK

NEW YORK, April 13.

American Telephone and Telegraph	156
Amerex Holding Co.	36-1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	29-3/4
Chase National Bank	36-3/4
Firestone Tyre	61-3/4
General Electric	47
General Motors	81
Ingersoll Rand	68-1/2
International Nickel	26-7/8
National City Bank	45-3/8
New York Central Rail Road Co.	14
Sinclair Oil	24-1/2
Socony Vacuum	17-5/8
Texas Corpn.	66-1/4
Union Carbide	47-3/8
U. S. Smelting and Refining	34-5/8
U. S. Steel Common	32-1/4
Western Union	23-1/4

Total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 2,400,000 shares.

The Highest and Lowest U. S Steel trading pdices were 32-1/2 and 32-1/4 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, April 13: Prices early were firm due to failure of the expected moisture to develop overnight in Kansas and improved export business in maize with Holland and Austria credited purchasing one cargo each. Subsequently prices eased with increased selling erasing earlier gains owing to private reports additional scattered rains in parts of Texas and Oklahoma and forecasts of a generally fair weather in mid-west of the maize, oats and soyabeans belts.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, April 13.

May	2.23-3/4
July	2.05-7/8
September	2.06-1/8
December	2.08-1/2

NEW YORK PEPPER STEADY

NEW YORK April 13 (PTI-Reuter): The pepper market was steady with spots offered at 143 dollars. Grinders and dealers remain cautious. The following are today's prices: Black Pepper Spot 1.42 dollars asked. April May and June 1.39 dollars nominal July 136 nominal.

LONDON PEPPER QUIET

LONDON, April 13: The pepper market was quiet with buyers reluctant. Black Lampong April|May was offered at 10st 6d and white Muntok at 15sh 7d. shippingweight and white sarawak at 16sh 4 1|2 delivered weight per pound cif basis ports. Malabar afloat was quoted at 1, 120sh and April|May at 1,145sh per hundredweight cif U.K.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, April 13.

London Silver both Spot and Forward 63d. London Gold Bars Fine per oz. £12/8

LONDON STOCKS

LONDON, April 13.

	£
2-1/2 p.c. British Consols	69-1/4
3-1/2 p.c. Conversion Loan 1961	92-15/16
4 p.c Funding Loan 1960/90	106
3-1/2 p.c. War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	92-3/4
Chartered Bank of India	9-7/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	80-1/2
National Bank of India	32-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6,079.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, April 13.

KARNAK

May	78.15—180
July	79.50—125
November	73.40—130

ASHMOUNI

April	104.40+175
June	108.00+425
August	97.60+510
October	84.85—49

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, April 14.

Apollo 2/14/6 2/15
Bharat 28/8
B. Dyeing 1005 6/4 1000 6/4 2/8
C. India 235 34 35 34
Century 246/4
Colaba 101/8 5
E. Textiles 230
Finlay 262 63 61
Gokak 252 51/8 52/8
I. U. Defd 1/14 1/13/6 1/14/6
I. U. Ord. 11/15 11/14/6 11/15/6 11/15
Indore 110 12/8 10 13/12
Madhusudan 150
Minerva 136/4
Model 166/4
Bradbury Ord. 575
Bradbury Pref 334/6
Simplex 194 93/8 95 94/8
Svadeshi 268/8 69/8 69 70 69
Swan 321/8
B. Steam 235 36/4
Scindia 13/3 13/6 13/2 13/3 13/1/6 13/3/6 13/3
Baroda 122
Central 80/8 81/12
Central New 84/4
Imperial Old 1780 85
Imperial New 437/8 36/14 37/8
India 172 72/8
Union 7/8
U. Commercial 45/8
Ahmedabad 125/10 26/4 25/10
Andhra 1410 (Ex Div)
B. Suburban 151/4
Hydro 152/8
Hydro Pref 125
Power 1548/12
B.I.G. 17
New India 58-8 59
Jupiter 12-12
Vulcan 13-4
B. Steel 20-12 20-11 20-12 20-7
I. Iron 29-13 29-11 30 29-13
Tata Defd. 1653-12 57-8 48-12 62-8 55 57-8
Tata Ord. 324 25 23-8 26 25
Tata 2nd Pref. 141 41-4
Alcock 235 36-4 31-4
A.C.C. 154-12 53-8 55 54-8
Belapur 224-8 24 24-8
B. B. Old 453-12 51-14 55-10 52-8
B.B. New 153-12
B.B. Petrol 1-7-3 1-8-3
B.I.C. 8-12
Dharamsey 46-8
I. Bleaching 152
I. Copper 2-5-9
P. Construction 92-8 91-12 92-8 92
Shivrajpur 30-8
Tata Chem. 11-6 11-4 11-6
Tata Oil 47-8
Wimco 228-12 27-8 28-12

SPECIAL—
Mckenzie Ord. 90

Trade And Finance

Heavy Demand For Funds For Imports Of Cotton

RECORD INCREASE IN NOTE CIRCULATION

Rising Tendency In Share Bazar

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

BOMBAY, April 14.

Heavy demand for funds for the import of cotton and other commodities was responsible for the persistent stringency in the short-term money market. While interbank call money was quoted around 3/4 per cent., there were borrowers of "House" money upto 1 1/4 per cent. Three months' deposits were lendable between 1 1/2 and 1 3/4 per cent. and six months' up to 1 3/4 per cent.

A record increase of Rs. 23.25 crores in the note circulation, the highest during the last ten years, is revealed in the weekly returns of the Reserve Bank of India for the period ended 7th April 1950. The total note issue has expanded by Rs. 14 crores, whilst notes held in the Banking Department have declined by Rs 9.12 crores. On the assets' side, there is an increase of Rs. 10 crores in the Government of India Rupee Securities, whilst Rupee Coin held by the Bank is up by Rs. 4.13 crores. In the Banking Department, Government Balances are down by Rs. 18 crores and Bankers' Deposits by Rs. 1.20 crores. Balances held abroad have declined by Rs 3.56 crores and Investments by Rs. 7.25 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 7th April 1950 shows a slight increase of Rs. 60 lakhs in Deposits. Advances are up by Rs. 2.73 crores and the cash holding of the Bank is reduced by Rs. 2.14 crores to Rs. 34 crores.

GILT-EDGED

There was a further small setback in gilt-edged prices during the week and the volume of trading was inclined to be very small. 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan, on the other hand, was maintained around Rs. 97 during the week. Among dated loans, 2 1/2 per cent. 1961 loan was marked down to Rs. 97, 3 per cent. 1951/54 loan was quoted around Rs. 101-2 and 3 per cent. 1953/55 loan around Rs. 101-10. 3 per cent. 1957 Victory loan was inclined to be offered at Rs. 101-8 and 3 per cent 1959-61 loan at Rs. 101-3. 3 per cent. 1966/68 loan eased off to Rs. 100-1.

EXCHANGE

The rupee/sterling exchanges market ruled steady with a restricted volume of trading. For interbank transactions, selers of spot TT on London quoted 1s 5-31/32d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:

Sellers of TT on London spot 1s. 5-31/32d.

Sellers of TT on London up to six months..1s. 5-15/16d.

Bnyers of TT on London spot and upto nine months..1s 6-1/16d.

Dr. John Matthai, the Finance Minister of the Government of India, speaking on the 10th April at the annual general meeting of the Punjab Chamber of Commerce emphatically repudiated all rumours regarding the revaluation of the Indian Rupee.

GOLD

The gold market exhibited a fairly steady undertone through the week under review. While the supply and demand were fairly evenly balanced, there was greater activity in the forward market. May settlement, which has quoted at Rs. 114-11 at the opening, steadily moved up to Rs. 116-2 on Thursday owing to bear-covering and closed at Rs. 115-14. Ready gold in the form of commercial bars was quoted at a premium of about 8 to 9 annas over forward. The quotation for sovereigns remained practically stationary around Rs. 75-12 during the week in the absence of much business. Floating stocks of gold are reported to be about 75,000 tolas. Arrivals including smuggled parcels are estimated to have averaged about 8,000 tolas a day, with an average daily off take of a similar size. The highest and lowest rates touched were Rs. 116-10 and Rs. 115 for spot and Rs. 116-2 and Rs 114-11 for forward.

SILVER

The silver section of the bullion market showed a firm trend owing to the tight grip of bull interests, particularly after the High Court decision in regard to the suit against the Bullion Association. One of the High Court judges had characterised the Bullion Association resolution imposing a margin on longs as going beyond the powers under Bye law No. 33A. On the 12th, another judgee granted an interim injunction against the Bullion Association restraining them from collecting any margin money. Following the decision, there was considerable short-covering and the forward quotation, which had opened at Rs. 183-13 and moved up to Rs. 185-7 on Monday, firmed up to Rs. 187-11 on Thursday and closed at Rs. 187-5 Upcountry demand as judged by the railings was a shade better and the premium on spot .999 fine silver widened from 12 annas at the opening to Rs. 1-2 at the close. It was gathered that the Board of the Bullion Association had notwithstanding the Court Ruling decided to get the outstanding position from all the members to enable it to impose a margin if they found any member indulging in excessive trading in terms of Bye-law No. 33A. The backwardation charges for June settlement were quoted around Rs. 2 against the bears. Floating stocks of silver are put around 2,500 bars and average daily offtake shows some improvement at about 60 bars a day. In the overseas markets, the New York official quotation remained steady at 71-3/4 cents and the London quotation at 63d. The highest and lowest rates touched locally were Rs. 188-13 and Rs. 184-9 for spot and Rs. 187-11 and Rs. 183-13 for forward.

SHARES

The share market ruled fairly steady during the week and prices showed a rising trend. The improved sentiment was due to the Indo-Pakistan agreement and some encouraging reports from Calcutta.

Tata Defds. improved from Rs. 1600 to Rs. 1657-8 and Ordinaries gained from Rs. 317 to Rs. 325 during the course of the week. The textile shares were barely steady for want of much support; Bombay Dyeings, which had declined mid-week to Rs. 993-12, improved on some support to Rs. 1007-8. Kohinoors were better at Rs. 314, whilst Swadeshis ranged between Rs 268 and Rs. 274. Hydro-elsctric shares ruled quietly steady with Andhra Valleys being quoted around Rs. 1410xd. Tata Powers likewise kept in the vicinity of Rs. 1550. Amongst banks, Bank of Indias displayed good strength and the quotation shot up from Rs. 165-4 to Rs. 172-8 on investment support. Imperial Bank Fully Paids were steady around Rs. 1785 and Central Banks evoked some enquiry at Rs. 81-12. In the miscellaneous group of shares, price variations were very narrow. Associated Cements were maintained at Rs. 154-8 and Belapurs at Rs. 224-8, while Bombay Burmas were quoted at Rs. 452-8 without much support. Scindia Steams were neglected around Rs. 13-3.

CALCUTTA MARKET

The share market in Calcutta ruled firm and active with all-round buying in evidence The turnover during the week was reported to be fairly large.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, April 14.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	94	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	0	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97	1	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	99	9	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	4	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	95	12	0
2 per cent Con.	97	0	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	3	0
3 per cent 1952-55	101	10	0
3 per cent 1957	101	9	0
3 per cent 1950-51	101	5	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	6	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	2	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
2 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	6	0
3 1/2 per cent 1950-70	110	2	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	100	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-56	112	10	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	0	0
3 3/4 per cent C P 1961	97	2	0
3 3/4 per cent Madras 1981	97	2	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	100	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	8	0
3 per cent C. P 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.-W.-F 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U P 1961-68	99	8	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	98	9	0
4 per cent B.P.I. long dated	110	0	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni	109	12	0
per cent Bombay Muni 1959	113	8	0
3 per cent K. P. I. 1950	113	0	0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, April 14.

Tata Ordinary 325, Tata Deferred 1657-8, Indian Iron 29-13, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 20-7, Bombay Dyeing 1002-8, Central India 234-6, Gokak 261-14, Kohinoor 314-6, Simplex 194-8, Swadeshi 269-6, Tata Power 1550, Associated Cement 154-6, Belapur 224-6, Bombay Burma (Old) 455, Scindia 13-3, Central Bank 81-12, New India 59, Tata 2nd Pref. 141-4.

SHIPPING NEWS

We give below the latest information regarding vessels due to arrive at and sail from Bombay under agency of Messrs. Volkart Brothers:—

DUE TO ARRIVE AT BOMBAY

From U. S. A. Canadian, Pacific ports via Manila, Indonesia, Straits, Colombo: S.S. "Hoegh Silvermoon" 20th April

From U. S. A. Canadian Atlantic ports Gulf of Mexico via Mediterranean, Persian Gulf and Karachi: S.S. "Marken" 15th April, S.S. "Hoegh Silvercrest" 21st April, S.S. "Slamat" 29th April.

From Australia via Singapore and Colombo: S.S. "Hoegh Silverstream" 18th April.

From North Continental and Mediterranean ports via Karachi: S.S. "Alderamin" 21st April, S.S "Loenerkerk" 5th May.

DUE TO SAIL FROM BOMBAY

For Calcutta via Colombo, Madras: S.S. "Blijdendijk" 18th April, S.S. "Alderamin" 25th April, S.S. "Slamat" 2nd May, S.S. "Loenerkerk" 10th May.

For U. S. A. Canadian Atlantic ports via Red Sea ports and Mediterranean: S.S. "Hoegh Silverstream" 22nd April.

For U. S. A. Pacific ports via Colombo Straits, Indonesia and Manila: S.S. "Hoegh Silvercrest" 25th April.

For Australia via Colombo, Singapore: S.S. "John Bakke" 15th April.

For Persian Gulf via Karachi: S.S. "Hoegh Silvermoon" 25th April.

For Colombo: S.S. "Marken" 17th April.

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, April 14.

120	Ready Japan	6	8 0
150	Ready Japan	5	3 0
120	Ready Italy	5	6 0
150	Ready Italy	4	13 0
150	D. Box April	946	0 0
150	D. Box May	928	8 0

Index Numbers Of Security Prices

(Base: 1938—100)

ALL INDIA

Group and Sub-group	Week Ended 2-4-'49	4-3-'50	25-3-'50	1-4-'50
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities				
Govt. of India Loans	101.47	101.12	101.01	100.97
Indian States Loans	101.93	98.89	98.89	98.86
Municipal, Port Trust and Improvement Trust Loans	98.00	97.23	97.23	97.23
GROUP INDEX	101.39	100.98	100.88	100.84
Fixed Dividend Industrial Securities				
Electricity	78.5	80.6	81.5	81.6
Cotton	157.2	149.5	148.2	148.4
Jute	107.8	89.1	88.6	88.6
Coal	117.3	106.5	106.2	106.2
Iron & Steel	90.8	91.0	91.5	91.4
Sugar	124.4	105.9	101.0	101.2
Paper	119.3	100.0	99.2	99.2
Plantations	118.	133.7	113.0	133.0
GROUP INDEX	106.99	100.32	100.13	100.09
Variable Dividend Industrial Securities				
Banks	129.7	121.6	118.2	118.7
Insurance	138.3	121.6	121.5	120.9
Investment Trusts	196.6	164.7	161.0	158.8
Electricity Companies and Tramways	87.1	85.7	85.0	85.0
Shipping & Other Transport Cos.	115.5	92.0	88.2	88.6
Railways	91.9	89.2	88.1	88.1
Plantations	137.1	128.3	126.8	127.0
Cotton Woollen & Silk	171.2	157.0	155.6	155.1
Jute	95.2	74.7	68.7	69.7
Coal	120.1	105.1	101.5	101.3
Mining & Oils	63.0	59.9	59.1	60.0
Iron & Steel	134.7	156.0	138.5	140.1
General Engineering	165.2	164.2	154.1	156.2
Sugar	131.7	115.7	110.8	110.9
Breweries	107.3	102.8	97.0	97.3
Chemicals	163.7	164.1	158.2	158.5
Paper	101.6	106.8	102.3	102.6
Cement	122.0	130.2	125.2	125.6
GROUP INDEX	123.42	117.00	113.08	113.66

REGIONAL

Region and Group				
BOMBAY				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	100.79	100.37	100.29	100.23
Fixed Dividend Industrial	97.4	98.3	99.0	99.0
Variable Dividend Industrials	137.1	135.2	130.6	131.2
CALCUTTA				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	101.70	101.25	101.17	101.12
Fixed Dividend Industrials	118.3	100.5	99.4	99.4
Variable Dividend Industrials	114.8	104.8	100.8	101.4
MADRAS				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	101.55	101.31	101.15	101.14
Fixed Dividend Industrials	121.9	116.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Variable Dividend Industrials	143.1	140.7	138.5	138.7

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TRADE DISPUTE MAY BE SOLVED

Indo-Pak Talks Soon In Karachi

KARACHI, April 14.

CLOSELY following the recent agreement signed at Delhi by the two Prime Ministers on the minorities problem, India and Pakistan, it is reliably learnt, will reopen trade talks at Karachi next Wednesday after six months of trade deadlock following India's decision to devalue her currency.

India and Pakistan will re-open trade talks here next Wednesday after six months of trade deadlocks, usually reliable sources said here today.

The talks, which closely followed two countries first major step towards solving their current differences taken last Saturday with the signing of an agreement on minorities, are expected to break the deadlock.

Trade between India and Pakistan began to decline when India devalued her rupee last September while Pakistan decided not to devalue her currency. It came to a standstill with India's stopping the coal supply to Pakistan four months ago, following the cutting of Pakistan jute shipments to India.

According to sources were the talks will go on for three days from April 19. An Indian delegation is expected in Karachi on April 18.

U.K.-Ceylon Sterling Talks

COLOMBO, April 14 (PTI-Reuter): Ceylon and the United Kingdom are expected to begin discusions shortly on Ceylon's sterling assets with the British Government. They will also discuss the question of monetary co-operation between the two governments after the expiry of their last agreement on June 30 this year.

RULE NISI ISSUED AGAINST DELHI

Lahiry's Application

NEW DELHI, April 14 (UPI)—Their Lordships of the Supreme Court of India today issued 'rule nisi' on the Delhi Administration to show cause why the writ of habeas corpus prayed for by Mr Ashutosh Lahiry, Hindu Mahasabha leader should no be issued.

Mr. Lahiry Organising Secretary of the All India Hindu Mahasabha, who is a detenu in the Delh Jail under the Preventive Detention Act, 1950, has filed a petition under Article 32 of the Constitution submitting that his detention is illegal and that writ of habeas corpus should, therefore, be issued.

Rule nisi was issued on the Delhi Administration in the case of another detenu also This detenu is Mr James Solomon Vincent. He has also been detained in the Delhi Jail under the Preventive Detention Act.

The hearing of another petition of a Madras detenu, challenging the validity of the Preventive Detention Act, will be resumed in the Supreme Court on Monday.

GREEK CABINET RESIGNS

ATHENS, April 14 (P.T.I.-Reuter): King Paul of Greece today asked General Nicholas Plastyras to form a new government following the resignation of the three weeks old Cabinet of veteran Liberal Sophocles Venizelos.

Venizelos handed the resignation to King Paul after a two-hour meeting of the Cabinet, which fully supported the step.

It was understood that he suggested that the King summon General Nicholas Plastyras, joint leader of the Epek (coalition of Progressive Dissident Liberal Group) to form a new centre coalition Cabinet.

No Prohibition There!

LISBON, April 14. (PTI-Reuter): The Indian Minister in Portugal, Mr P. A. Menon, last night gave a cocktail party at his Lisbon residence to celebrate the Baisakhi Festival.

The distinguished guests included the Portuguese Foreign Minister Dr. Jose Caeiro Mata, the Colonial Minister Teofilo Duarte and the British Ambassador, Sir Nigel Ronald.

IMPROVEMENT IN DOLLAR POSITION

Financial Times' Warning

LONDON, April 14. (PTI-Reuter): The influential London Financial Times in a leading article yesterday said that the striking improvement in the gold and dollar position of the Sterling Area had one danger—Sterling Area countries may decide that the need to implement the recommendations of last year's London Conference had become less urgent

"Such a decision would be premature, to say the least. There is no certainty that the tendency for the dollar earnings of the area to move up to its spendings will continue in the period ahead."

The Financial Times declared that artificial restrictions on dollar imports would obviously continue to be needed if the Sterling Area was to keep its head above water on gold and dollar account".

Dust Storm Sweeps Over Nagpur

(From Our Correspondent)

NAGPUR, April 14: Roofs of huts were blown off, trees uprooted and traffic suspended for 15 minutes when a dust storm swept over Nagpur on Wednesday afternoon.

Gurmani Joins Pakistan Cabinet

KARACHI, April 14. (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Gurmani resumed his post of Minister of Kashmir Affairs in the Pakistan Cabinet from yesterday.

Announcing this a press communique issued by the Cabinet Secretariat said: "His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Gurwani as a Minister of the Pakistan Government."

Sind Journalists Assure Co-operation

KARACHI (PTI): Welcoming the agreement recently concluded between the governments of Pakistan and India, the Executive Council of the Sind Union of Journalists has called upon its members to take their "fullest contribution to this extremely laudable object and prove that the working journalists have always stood and shall always stand for not only harmony between the two countries but for everlasting peace.

Goering's Buried Treasure Discovered

Following information supplied by a Polish national, and former inmate of concentration camps, Friedman, officials discovered treasures believed to be between three and four million marks in value at Castle of Veldenstein and hidden by Hermann Goering. The valuables brought to light after 10 hours excavations included 36 priceless candlesticks, a gilt silver bath tub, about 28 inches long and 8 inches wide and several hundreds of bottles of wine and liquor. Friedman denied having helped in hiding the treasure and says that the present discoveries are only a fraction of the treasures hidden and that much still remains hidden. Photo shows supervising American officers examine with interest some of the candlesticks found in the Goering treasure hunt.

Punjab Police Academy

FIRST OF ITS KIND IN INDIA

AMBALA, April 14. (PTI): Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, Chief Minister, Punjab, declared open yesterday the Punjab Police Academy at Kunjpura, six miles north-west of Karnal.

First of its kind in India, the Academy is a residential institution where young boys will be trained for service in the police. To begin with seventy boys, just entering their teens, have been enlisted as foot constables and they will be trained under a selected staff.

ALL CO-OPERATION FROM THE MERCHANTS

Mr. Kilachand's Assurance To Nehru

NEW DELHI, April 14 (PTI).

MR. TULSIDAS KILACHAND, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry today assured Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the Government of India of whole-hearted co-operation of the Federation in the implementation of the Nehru-Liaquat Pact.

In a statement Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand said:

"I am sure there is a fund of goodwill in this country and both India and Pakistan welcome the agreement on the minorities problem recently arrived at between the two Prime Ministers, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. I fervently hope that both the countries will make its implementation a success.

"On behalf of the Indian mercantile community, I assure the Prime Minister and the Government of India of our whole-hearted co-operation in fulfilling their task. It is heartening to note that the present agreement is to be the precursor of a new understanding between India and Pakistan and that talks at secretarial level are to proceed in Karachi in the next week to discuss Indo-Pakistan trade questions.

TRADE TALKS

"I have no doubt that these talks will be held in the atmosphere of goodwill and understanding which characterised the recent talks in Delhi and that suitable agreement will be arrived at on all the outstanding trade questions. In this, the co-operation of the commercial community will be at the disposal of the Government.

The difficulties of the Indian jute and cotton textile industries and of the growers of raw cotton and jute in Pakistan are well-known. The present political understanding needs to be followed up by a comprehensive trade pact and it is hoped that the Minorities Pact and the forthcoming discussions on inter-Dominion trade questions will pave the way not only for the restoration of peaceful conditions in both Bengals but will also lead to a complete understanding in economic matters so essential for the maintenance of enduring peaceful conditions in both Dominions".

TAMARIND FAST GIVEN UP

Mysore Congress Chief's Assurance

MYSORE, April 14 (PTI): A Congress worker's "fast unto death" to persuade the Government of Mysore to ban the export of tamarind from the State was today given up after six hours. The President of the State Congress, Mrs. Yasodharamma Dasappa, assured him that she would take up the export question before the Working Committee on April 20.

Mr. M. R. C. Basappa the Congress worker had been urging Government that because of export, the price of tamarind in Mysore had gone up from about Rs. 2 to 3 a maund to Rs. 8 to 10 a maund. This hurt the poor consumer.

Yesterday he received a communication that Government did not feel there was any need to ban export.

Mr. Basappa commenced his fast this morning on the verandah of the Town Hall. He gave it up by midday on the intervention of the Congress President.

NOTIFICATION: The Hyderabad Government have fixed the prices of arms, ammunition and military stores allotted by Government to the licensed dealers for sale, according to a Press Note.

WESTERN POWERS TO LINK FOREIGN POLICIES

Two Conferences In London In May

LONDON, April 14 (PTI-Reuter).

A plan to co-ordinate the foreign policies of the Western Powers into one "grand design" by linking their policies in Europe and Asia is emerging from preparations now being made here for next month's talks between the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers and the North Atlantic Treaty powers.

Mr. Dean Acheson announced yesterday that he will visit Paris on May 8 and has proposed May 15-17 for discussions in London with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman.

It is understood that the May conferences will cover the widest possible field. Their aim, individually and collectively, will be to re-examine the broad general aims of the Western Powers and relate their policies in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East more closely.

RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

The Western Powers will also review relations with the Soviet Union: discuss the political, economic and eventual military future of Western Germany: and dovetail the various international organisations which have emerged since the war among groupings of the Western Powers.

This will probably be done by the creation of new machinery of consultation in such a way as to yield maximum results and efficiency in the pursuit of common objectives. Besides the "Big Three" and Atlantic Treaty talks in London, there will be bilateral talks between Mr. Acheson and M. Schuman in Paris and between Mr. Bevin and Mr. Acheson in London—and probably also between Mr. Bevin and M. Schuman—to enable them to consider any questions of direct interest to their two countries.

Mr. Acheson will come to London for the Anglo-American bilateral talks between May 8 and May 15 after his conversations with M. Schuman in Paris.

INDO-CHINA

The bilateral talks would, for example, permit Mr. Acheson to discuss the Indo-China situation fully with M. Schuman or the special relationship of Commonwealth policy to the rest of the world with Mr. Bevin.

To prepare this comprehensive programme a Working Party of officials and technical experts from London, Washington and Paris will begin work in London about April 25. Dr. Philip Jessup will lead the American Delegation Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick British High Commissioner-elect for Western Germany, and Sir Gladwyn Jebb, recently named to succed Sir Alexander Cadogan as head of the British Mission to the United Nations, will lead a team of British experts. The names of the French officials and technicians have not yet been announced from Paris.

VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

U. N. Covenant Being Put At Naught

LAKE SUCCESS, 14, (PTI-Reuter): M. Henri Laugier, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Social Affairs, warned here that "certain Governments" were trying to emasculate the Covenant on Human Rights into a relatively innocuous document.

The former French University Professor was addressing a group of representatives from non-governmental organisations.

M. Laugier referred to the danger of giving only to states the right of appeal against violations off human rights as defined by the Covenant.

"If an individual or a group whose rights have been violated could only institute proceedings through the intermediary of a state, this would be a travesty of justice," he added.

ICAO BODY: A meting of the ICAO Frequency Assignment Planning Committee will be held in New Delhi, from 18th April next to draw up a plan for the assignment of high frequencies allotted by the International Telecommunications Union to the major world air route areas and regional dimestic air route areas falling within the South-East Asia air navigation region.

China Reds Are Ready To Hit

HONGKONG, April 14. (PTI-Reuter): Chinese Communists will soon launch simultaneous large-scale amphibious assaults on nationalist—held Hainan and Chusan Islands, according to Chinese reports received here last night.

Orders to strike may come at any moment, since the Communists are anxious to prevent the Nationalists diverting more men and material to these two outposts from their growing resources. Formosa reports said.

MODEL VILLAGES IN KARWAR

Rs. 500 Grant For Each

KARWAR, April 14 (PTI): Eleven villages in the Karwar District have been chosen to be made into model villages during 1949-50, and a grant of Rs. 500 has been made to each village, the Collector of Karwar stated here today.

Three prizes, of the value of Rs. 75 Rs. 50, and Rs. 25 to the first second and third agriculturist respectively, who has produced the best yield of paddy in the kharif season of 1949-50, in each taluka of the district, have been awarded by the Rural Development Board, Karwar, the total prize money amounting to Rs. 1,600.

The special prize money of Rs. 15,000, awarded to this district for its best procurement results will be utilised for cattle improvement in the district by providing breeding bulls.

FOOD STOCKS IN KARWAR

KARWAR, April 14 (PTI): The Government foodgrain stocks in the Karwar district amounted to 11,045 tons, inclusive of 9,495 tons of rice, the Collector of Karwar, told newsmen today. 3,000 tons of rice would shortly be exported to the neighbouring districts like Ratnagiri, Sholapur, and Kolhapur he added.

The monthly off-take for the district was 1,600 tons of foodgrains and at the current scale of foodgrain quantum, the existing stocks of rice would last for the next seven and half months, wheat for three months, and coarse grains for four months. The paddy-purchase drive in the district had been yielding, satisfactory results, and the Government had so far purchased about 16,000 tons of paddy out of a target of 25,000 tons, the Collector said.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

FROM today, we, suburbanites, will be citizens of Bombay. The Greater Bombay scheme is coming into force and, from all that will be said on the occasion of the inauguration, it will seem that the wild suburbanites will be brought under the civilising influence of the City. As a suburbanite, I can only add that I hope that we shall be able to say Amen to that. But I must, as a suburbanite, also insist that it is a poor hope.

I have been staying for the past four days in the City and in a fairly good locality in it. My neighbours, when they are in town, are an ex-Minister, two M.P.'s, and various distinguished persons. But water is a great problem. The tap runs between 11 o'clock at night and some undeterminable hour in the morning. The storage tanks run out at 11 o'clock in the morning.

As for noise, there is no end to it. The trams, the buses and the prepetual horse carriages seem to cover most of the day and prolong one's waking hours well on to the midnight. When they cease, there seems no quiet either. Some neighbour is entertaining and, it is very strange how much din parties can send up even these Prohibition days.

But somewhere in the early hours of the morning, you are left in peace and you can sleep if you have been sufficiently determined to try to do so for the previous six hours. But the tale of woe is not ended here. Just when you are deep in sleep, or should be, bang goes up a collapsible steel door. The dairy has opened for the day. Then the door-bell rings. Your bread has arrived. And the City springs to life, with all the rowdiness of an intractable infant.

At least, you will here interrupt, the City presents a cleaner appearance. Does it? Let us see. The other day, I was waiting for a bus at a respectable bus-stop, just in front of a charming building, residential locality. From somewhere above, without notice, a window was opened and something was poured down with great force. I have not sent my clothes to the chemical analyser so I cannot tell you what it was, but it certainly was not pure water. A little later, the second-floor householder, if one can use this pretentious term for those who occupy pigeonholes in these modern city buildings, sent down a deluge. She was only watering her pots on the front verandah. The laundry chaps on the ground-floor rushed out desperately and rescued a few garments which were strung up to catch the elusive sunlight.

Look at the roads. One of the busiest streets, Medows Street,— I do not like to talk in generalities all the time — holds quite a record for filth. It has an imposing array of business offices, lawyers' chambers, shops and what not. It begins the day, every day, fairly clean. It ends it in unspeakable filth. Spat pan juice, banana skins and orange peels, horse dung make it impossible to walk in.

It hardly seems city in which one can talk of socialism or congressism. Yet our City Fathers, who ought to know, talk of nothing else. I am not clever enough to understand all this but I think most of us suburbanites would say, "A plague on both your houses". If our Corporators would but deign to know their City, they would be ashamed. Perhaps they have been all the time. But now that they are getting, or in hopes of getting, a little remuneration for their municipal work, it is to be hoped that they will earn it.

VIET MINH OFFENSIVE THROTTLED

French Claim

SAIGON, April 14 (PTI-Reuter):—The large-scale offensive launched by Viet Minh (Indo-Chinese Nationalist insurgents) ten days ago in the Soctrang Province of Cochin China, has been "quickly throttled", French military headquarters announced today.

"Cleaning up is going ahead successfully," the communique added.

During several clashes more than 100 Viet Minh dead were counted and losses inflicted by French aircraft were "certainly very substantial", the communique said. In the Chantho sector, French artillery had gone into action "obliging the rebels to retreat" and 100 Viet Minh boats had been sunk in a French air attack on a river convoy.

"Thanks to these operations the rebels offensive plans in the region were completely overthrown," French headquarters stated. Action against the Viet Minh was continuing in the Tra Vinh Province where they attacked on March 26 with strong forces, the communique added.

Tube Wells For Punjab

SIMLA, April 14. (PTI): The Punjab Government has formulated a scheme of sinking 1,050 tubewells in three and half years for landowners in the State, in pursuance of Grow More Food drive, it is officially learnt

The scheme will be run on "No profit, no less" basis, the actual cost of installing a tube-will be recovered from the land owner in advance.

U. S. FUNDS TO ARM THAILAND

BANGKOK, April 14, (PTI-Reuter): Strategic airfields, roads and communication systems would be built in Thailand during the next twelve months with United States finance up to a ten million dollar maximum, according to Thai Cabinet sources. Official United States sources here confirm Washington's intention to direct to Thailand part of the military aid previously intended for China but emphasise that the nature of the aid is still undecided.

Horticultural Research

SIMLA, April 14, (PTI): The Punjab Government has decided to establish a horticultural research station at Kulu.

The station will undertake experiments for growing apple, pear, cherry, walnut, strawberry and persimon, in Kulu, which provides ideal climatic, soil and irrigation conditions, for cultivation of these fruits.

Experiments for the cultivation of stone fruit viz., peach plum, apricot and almond on elevations ranging from two thousand to four thousand feet in the adjoining Kangra District, will also be tried at the station.

The work connected with the establishment of the station has already been taken in hand.

AMALGAMATION: A proposal for the amalgamation of the State-managed Nepa and Ballarpur paper mills into a single co-ordinated project, with a view to reduce capital and production costs, is under the consideration, it was learnt here today.

MUTT AND JEFF—A Case Of Too Good A Demonstration

By BUD FISHER

JEFF, I'M SELLING FIRE-EXTINGUISHERS. YOU NEED ONE AROUND A GAS STATION!
JEFF'S GAS STATION
GAS
WOW! MY GAS PUMP!
GAS
CRASH
IT'S ON FIRE! HELP! CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT! CALL THE POLICE!
I'LL PUT IT OUT!
GAS
THERE YOU ARE! OUT LIKE A LIGHT!
GOSH!
GAS
YOU SEE, JEFF YOU NEED ONE OF THESE AROUND HERE!
WHAT FER? THE FIRE IS OUT NOW!
THAT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN IN YEARS!

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